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ELON MUSK TARGETS TWITTER WITH \$41 BN TAKEOVER OFFER

The Tesla CEO, the world's richest man, launched the hostile takeover bid days after rejecting a seat on the firm's board

'IT CAN BECOME A PLATFORM FOR FREE SPEECH'

Musk, Twitter's major shareholder with 9.2% stake, has offered to buy the remaining shares for \$54.20 apiece in cash. "I invested in Twitter as I believe in its potential to be the platform for free speech around the globe, and I believe free speech is a societal imperative for a functioning democracy," he said in his letter to Twitter chairman Bret Taylor

'WILL TRANSFORM AS A PRIVATE COMPANY'

"However, since making my investment I now realise the company will neither thrive nor serve this societal imperative in its current form. Twitter needs to be transformed as a private company," he said. Musk added if his "best and final" is not accepted, he will reconsider his position as a shareholder

TWITTER

SAID IT WILL REVIEW THE PROPOSAL AND DECIDE WHAT'S BEST FOR SHAREHOLDERS

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Schools behind Covid uptick in some states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

COVID cases seem to be going up again in India with some states reporting an increasing number of unvaccinated school-going children testing positive. Doctors say infected students tend to infect their parents, triggering a ripple effect.

Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat, Mizoram and Kerala have reported a spike in cases in the past one week, which prompted Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan to write to them to be vigilant.

However, experts rule out the possibility of a fourth wave as the spread is limited and most cases are mild with no need for hospitalisation.

Sushila Kataria, senior director (internal medicine) at Medanta Hospital, Gurgaon, said a surge in cases was expected after schools opened but not in such a high number. "It is difficult for children to follow Covid protocols. The only good thing is that most patients have mild symptoms," she said.

On Tuesday, three schools in the Delhi National Capital Region closed down after several students, and even teachers, tested positive.

The main reason for the spread seems to be the lifting of curbs and making masks optional. "We should not discard all precautions at once, even as we resume our normal life. The match is not over yet," said Prof K S Reddy, president, Public Health Foundation of India.

NATIONWIDE	APR 13	APR 14	JAB-O-METER
Freshcases	1,088	1,007	TAKE YOUR SHOT
Recoveries	1,081	818	
Deaths	26	1	
KARNATAKA	APR 13	APR 14	12,84,749 doses
Freshcases	51	45	5,56,637 doses
Recoveries	86	54	TOTAL DOSES
Deaths	0	0	1,86,29,337.75



(Clockwise from top-left) The grand exterior of the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in Delhi on Thursday; and galleries on Jawaharlal Nehru, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Indira Gandhi

Celebrating the leadership legacy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, a museum in Delhi that commemorates the memory of all prime ministers of India since Independence. Here's a look

15,600 sqm
Total span of the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya

43 Galleries
housed in the Teen Murti Bhavan campus

4,000
PEOPLE CAN VISIT IT AT A TIME

₹271 cr
Cost of construction

14 PMs' contributions
showcased

GANDHIS STAY AWAY

Relatives of Charan Singh, P V Narasimha Rao, H D Deve Gowda, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Morarji Desai and Lal Bahadur Shastri attend

But no-show from members of Nehru-Gandhi family that gave the country three PMs

Former PM Manmohan Singh could not make it due to ill-health

It has two blocks. Block I is existing Nehru Memorial Museum, which has been revamped. Block II is the new building dedicated to other PMs

BLOCK I houses belongings of Jawaharlal Nehru, his personal library and collection of speeches; gifts to all PMs; and a room dedicated to the Constituent Assembly

BLOCK II gallery has a 360-degree immersive room — without shadows that ushers you into the world of PMs showcasing their contributions

Has a chamber with helicopter pod and virtual reality with 180-degree projection of future projects

The entrance has a 3D printed National Emblem rotating in the air

PROMINENT EXHIBITS

A charkha (spinning wheel) Lal Bahadur Shastri received as wedding gift

Jail diaries of Jai Prakash Narayan during Emergency

Badminton racquet of Shastri

Morarji Desai's copy of Bhagvad Gita in English and Tulsi beads mala

Charan Singh's book — India's poverty and its solution (1964)

P V Narasimha Rao's spectacles

Handwritten letters of Rajiv Gandhi to Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

BJP TOP BRASS PUSHES KSE TO QUIT

Eshwarappa says it's his own decision to avoid embarrassment to party, govt; Will submit resignation to CM today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga/Bengaluru

AFTER sustained refusal to resign after being named accused in the case of suicide of a BJP leader and contractor on Tuesday, intervention of central BJP leaders finally forced Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister KS Eshwarappa to announce that he would resign from Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's cabinet on Friday evening.

Sources privy to the meetings between senior BJP leaders from Karnataka and central party leaders in New Delhi informed *The New Indian Express* that the BJP's central leadership was wary of the damage the issue could cause to the party ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in the state. The central leaders reportedly conveyed to Eshwarappa that he should step down, citing the examples of other leaders resigning and taking moral responsibility when faced with such allegations in the past.

Eshwarappa, who was defiant till Wednesday and had the



KPCC president DK Shivakumar climbs on top of a barricade during a protest rally demanding the arrest of RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa in Bengaluru on Thursday

backing of the chief minister and state BJP leaders, however, claimed that he on his own decided to resign on moral grounds to avoid embarrassment to the government and the party. He denied that central or state leaders directed or convinced him to step down. "Resigning from the post is a voluntary decision," he insisted.

"I had decided to step down once the FIR was filed against me. I do not want to cause embarrassment to our government and our leaders," he told

SEPARATE TEAMS FORMED TO PROBE PATIL'S SUICIDE

Udupi: A day after the postmortem was conducted on the body of contractor **Santosh Patil** at Manipal on Wednesday, Udupi SP Vishnuvardhan formed

separate teams to conduct the investigation. The teams will head to Chikkamagaluru, Davanagere, Shivamogga and other places to gather evidence. A woman police officer will go to Belagavi to record the statement of Patil's wife.

the media at his home town Shivamogga on Thursday evening. He will arrive in Bengaluru on Friday evening to submit his resignation to the chief minister.

Eshwarappa said that the BJP in 2017 had sought the resignation of then minister in the Congress government KJ George after he was named by police officer Ganapathi, who committed suicide. "I too will adhere to moral standards by resigning," the minister said.

"I will not be a scapegoat in this issue. I strongly believe in my family deity Sri Chowdeshwari Devi. Even if I am one per cent guilty in Santosh Patil's suicide case, let the deity punish me," he said, appealing to Bommai to order a detailed inquiry into the contractor's suicide.

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Rain hits traffic, water gushes into homes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOR the second consecutive day, thundershowers brought many parts of the city to a standstill. While traffic moved at snail's pace, residents of Bengaluru South had a tough time.

Water gushed into at least 12 houses in Ward 167, Thyagarajanagar, and BBMP officials and rescue teams were pressed into service immediately, to clear the water and bring the situation under control. South Zone recorded 45mm of rain.

Traffic came to a grinding halt for around an hour near Kamakhya theatre on Ring Road, after water from the adjoining storm water drain started overflowing, and when water from the overhead bridge started pouring down.

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EXPRESS READ

11-year-old, entangled in wire of swing, dies

Bengaluru: An 11-year-old girl, who was caught in the plastic wire of a swing she was playing on, asphyxiated to death at her home at Kenchanahalli on Magadi Road on Monday. The parents of the girl, Bhavana Dikshith, rushed her to a hospital where she was declared brought dead. **P3**

ALL ROADS LEAD TO KGF CHAPTER 2



A SHARADHAA @Bengaluru

THE much-hyped, much-anticipated, multi-lingual action drama *KGF Chapter 2* opened to massive crowds in cities across the country and world on Thursday. Coming four years after the first edition of the movie, the Yash-starrer lived up to the hype, going by the response of theatre-goers.

With over 40 lakh tickets sold on BookMyShow ahead of its release, it opened in over 10,000 screens across the world. Karnataka alone had over 450 screens and 2,500-plus shows for the movie on the first day. It was released on 350 screens in Tamil Nadu, 400 screens in Kerala, 1,000 screens in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and 3,500 screens in North India. On average, the theatres ran six shows on Day 1. Trade analysts said the movie has made over ₹120 crore on Day 1, and it includes collections of ₹40 crore in the state.

The theatres showing the movie were decked up in colourful festoons and large cutouts of the star. Crackers were burst inside cinema halls, while fans threw coins and currency notes at the screen accompanied by hoots, applause and whistles at regular intervals.

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15k students lose nerve, skip SSLC exam

Many students registered but did not write the papers which had regular questions and not MCQs like last year

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

A huge spike in absenteeism at the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examinations this year is being attributed to a loss of nerve and the bunking spree among students, according to sources in the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB).

According to KSEEB data, at least 15,487 students remained absent for the SSLC exams in 2022.

The education department had lifted the mandatory 75 per cent minimum school attendance for students to be eligible to take the SSLC board exam towards the end of the academic year, and most of the students who had much lesser at-

tendance than that had preferred to bunk the exams too.

Moreover, a large number of students registered for the 2022 SSLC exams (8,20,888) after their preceding batch (2021) saw all the students being "passed" to PU-I due to a pandemic-impacted academic year (2020-21). Many students who registered for the 2021-22 SSLC exams did not attend as the paper has regular questions, unlike the previous year where only multiple choice questions were asked of the students. Most of the students who remained absent had decided not to attend the exams on learning that the examination would be a regular one, as they lacked the courage and due to the fear of failing, according to



Students pose for camera after writing their last SSLC exams on April 11

KSEEB officials.

As per documents available with The New Indian Express, before the pandemic began, in 2017-18, among 7,45,487 students who registered for SSLC exams, 16,679 students were not permitted to write exams as they did not have the minimum attendance of 75 per cent. Only 4,203 students were absent, and

7,41,284 (99.43 per cent) were present.

In 2018-19, among 7,39,477 students who registered for SSLC, 16,343 students were barred from the exams due to attendance shortage, while 3,739 students were absent and 7,35,738 students (99.49 per cent) wrote the exams.

In 2019-20, among 7,47,556 students who registered, 19,247 students were barred due to attendance shortage, while 6,374 students were absent and 7,41,182 students (99.15 per cent) took the exams.

Post the onset of the pandemic, 2020-21 saw 7,84,296 students registered for SSLC exams. The state government relaxed Rule 37 of the KSEEB Act 1966, to allow those not having minimum attendance of 75 per cent to be

permitted for the exams. Yet, absenteeism was just 3,249 that year, while 7,81,047 students (99.58 per cent) took the exams. This was because the government order (no. EP 110 SLB 2021) allowed promoting all the students by giving minimum passing marks, KSEEB officials said. This year, while the mandatory attendance rule was lifted, the state government did not offer the "pass every student" rule as it did last year. Many who registered hoping the government would repeat that concession this year too, lost their nerve when informed that it would be a regular exam. This led to 15,487 absentees, dropping the number of students taking the exams to 8,05,401 (98.11 per cent), KSEEB sources said.



Second day of rains took the citizens by surprise on Friday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Rescue teams used pumps to clear water

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BBMP and rescue teams had to use pumps to clear the water. Traffic was diverted and the situation was brought under control. The teams were clearing water till 11.30pm. A South Zone official told BBMP that their helpline were flooded with complaints of water-logging and two tree fall cases were also reported.

MAXIMUM RAINFALL (in mm) UP TO 11.30PM

Sarakki	57.5	Jalla	48.5
Kengeri	39.5	Bagaluru	26
RR Nagar	36	Bettalasuru	42
VV Puram	48	Doddajala	34
Kaggalipura	37	Uttanahalli	44.5
Sampangirama Nagar	52.5	Yelahanka	16
Vidyapeetha	79.5	KSNMDC campus	41.5
Cholanayakanahalli	58	Jnanabharati campus	29.5
HAL Airport	29	Rajmahal Guttahalli	27.5
Madavara	34.5	Koramangala	36



Dancers from North Karnataka perform a folk dance at Vidhan Soudha to mark the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJ GADEKAL

CM Bommai kicks off slum housing project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday laid the foundation stone for the construction of 60 houses in Patel Byrahnumaya slum for the construction of railway over bridge, pedestrian subway and railway level crossing in Yeswanthpur constituency.

In Ward 55, Malleswaram, as a part of the 131st birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, he also commissioned the housing process for 50 slum-dwellers. He said that in the first phase, 60 houses will be constructed at a cost of Rs 5.5 crore. The second phase comprising 44 houses will be constructed at a cost of Rs 4 crore. The railway over

SC/ST student allowance hiked, staff gets a raise

BENGALURU: As part of Ambedkar Jayanti, Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor K R Venugopal announced an increase in stipend from Rs20,000 to Rs22,000 for research students from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe backgrounds. Daily hostel food allowance was also raised. The salaries of 500 outsourced employees were raised from Rs17,000 to Rs21,000.

bridge in Yeswanthpur will cost Rs 19.2 crore, railway level crossing will cost Rs 15 crore and pedestrian subway at Malleswaram 18th Cross will cost of Rs 5 crore.

Adopt villages to make them litigation-free, says Guj CJ

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Justice of the Gujarat High Court Justice Aravind Kumar on Thursday suggested that the Legal Services Authorities (LSA) adopt villages to make them litigation-free with assistance of the Legal Services Clinics in law colleges and National Service Scheme (NSS) units.

This was among several suggestions he made at the inaugural function of the silver jubilee celebrations of the Karnataka State Legal Services

Authority, held at Karnataka Judicial Academy in Bengaluru.

Sharing his views as future plans which can receive the attention of all stakeholders, Justice Aravind Kumar said introduction of e-office at all levels, conducting e-Lok Adalat frequently, free 24x7 virtual assistance etc should be the focus areas of LSAs at the state, district and taluk levels.

He said future plans of LSAs should also be on creating free legal awareness on pro-

grammes of National Legal Services Authorities.

He also suggested that the LSAs formulate standard operating procedures to open legal aid clinics in all law colleges to strengthen legal services by encouraging a service motto in young minds.

Stating that free legal aid is necessary to access justice to those who cannot afford it, he said LSAs at the state, district and taluk level have to grow, spread and extend the activity to all the needy. To achieve this, all stakeholders -- Advocates' Association, NGOs and government -- should join hands, he urged.

Sharing his views on the occasion, Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court Ravi Malimath said providing legal aid is an uphill task, and identifying the needy who are entitled to legal aid is a challenge.

Therefore, LSAs may encounter various challenges. "Madhya Pradesh has a large tribal populations with their own local laws which conflict with the statutory laws. The LSAs and advocates must refrain from disrespecting their personal laws," he said.

NALSA in discussion with BCI over free legal aid

BENGALURU: The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is in discussions with Bar Council of India to set up internship for law students along with Legal Services Authorities (LSAs) to serve rural and semi rural areas, like the prevailing compulsory rural service for doctors. The aim of this endeavour is to bring free legal aid to below poverty line litigants. Delivering the inaugural address at the silver jubilee celebrations of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (IKLSA) on Thursday, Supreme Court Judge and Executive Chairman, NALSA, Uday Umesh Lalit, said NALSA will focus on involving students, pro-bono (without charge) lawyers, jail and juvenile homes reforms in the next five years. He urged legal service operators to build a sense of confidence among litigants to approach for free legal services by the LSAs. He said this was to bridge the gap between the total number of criminal cases filed and below poverty line litigants.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

15th April: Here's a strange fact about the solar system. The Sun is almost exactly four hundred times the size of the Moon but almost exactly four hundred times as far from the earth. That's why they look the same size to us, and that's why their cycle is the basis of our calendar. And that's why, in English, we have the word month - from moon - for the period of one complete lunar cycle.

ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You may have to accept that you are not on form and that you are still inclined to exaggerate other people's resistance to your plans. Now is the moment to start developing some of that gentle diplomacy which is the normal preserve of the Libran, your opposite sign.

TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

Some kind of a break-up, or conflict appears to be taking place, or will have done so by the time the next few days have passed. You are finally in an ideal position to knock some sense into a partner's head, but just how long it takes is an open question. Perhaps you'd better be patient!

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Relations with children are beginning to assume a greater importance, perhaps because events are now moving so much faster than in the past, but also because there's an understanding that family feelings need to be respected. If you are undecided about your next move, you may allow yourself a little more time.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

Where to turn? This is the great question which must be perplexing you now that six planets are urging you to take thirty-six different courses of action. If you wish, you may allow fate to follow its course, waiting for events to settle down.

LEO

(July 24 - Aug. 23)

Now that Mars is changing his position, you should put more effort into being diplomatic and must listen carefully to what other people are saying. Whether you take their advice or comments into consideration, of course, entirely another matter.

VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

The quicker you come to terms with your financial situation, the better you will be able to plan various social events and other engagements. Your ambitions are all very well, but you must have the cash to pay your way, otherwise you'll have to give up before you're even half done.

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

For once in your life you may have to settle for second best, much as this goes against the grain. However, as soon as the current planetary situation has eased, you will once again be on course for the top. It's a question of three steps forward for every two back.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

What is important to you is peace of mind, yet to achieve such a happy state, you must deal with whatever personal frustrations have built up over the past few months. The problem is that it's just so hard to get hold of the relevant information at the moment.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You may have become used to frequent chopping and changing in your plans. Many of you are currently involved in some sort of political or community activity, but will soon begin to question your motives. You need to be sure that a particular goal is really the right one for you.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Just as long as you keep remembering that you are still on the right course, you will get the best out of your current situation. However, minor adjustments may be necessary in the short term, and whatever changes you make this week will result in major decisions some way down the line.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Take extra care when travelling and allow for delays or cancellations. The indications are definitely contradictory, with Mars urging you to push ahead while Mercury advises you to slow down. Just to complicate matters, Venus thinks that you should stay as you are!

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

You may soon receive interesting news from overseas, yet the results may be far from what you expected. Moneywise you are now entering another extravagant, high-spending phase. Keep something in reserve, though, for the last thing you want to do is leave yourself short.

THE PHANTOM



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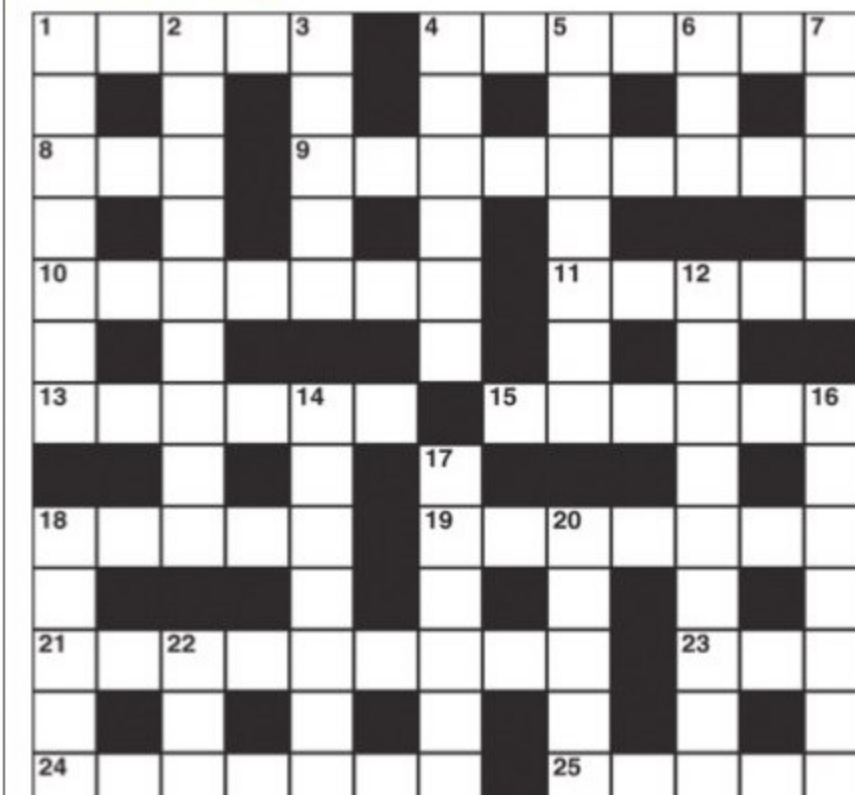
Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	1	2	6	7	4	9	3	5
7	9	3	8	5	1	4	6	2
5	4	6	2	3	9	7	1	8
6	2	8	3	4	7	5	9	1
4	7	5	9	1	6	8	2	3
1	3	9	5	8	2	6	4	7
2	5	4	1	9	8	3	7	6
9	8	1	7	6	3	2	5	4
3	6	7	4	2	5	1	8	9

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- He's taken to be a criminal (5)
- Flowers for Judy (7)
- The estimate includes floor covering (5)
- A sign that some of us are mending our ways (9)
- Possibly saving firm money (difficulty) (7)
- Writing having points to express (5)
- They're up for approval (6)
- Sits things under the microscope (6)
- A lengthy yam (5)
- A murder suspect one hears (7)
- He gets the shrubbery into shape (9)
- An attempt in the past (3)
- Cover charge? (7)
- Breals supports (5)

DOWN

- Storm created by Shakespeare (7)
- Begin to make an acquaintance (9)
- In favour of leave but do without (5)
- She's a lady at heart (6)
- It would be if you bought it as seasoned timber (3,4)
- Breezy tune? (3)
- Little Diana, modest but very attractive (5)
- The ways in which an adder is so wriggly (4,5)
- Belgian translated an Asian language (7)
- Problem with First World War battle command (7)
- One who submits to control to a limited extent (6)
- Establish a lead in tennis (3,2)
- Chopper blade going up and down (5)
- Abid that may be eaten hot or cold (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

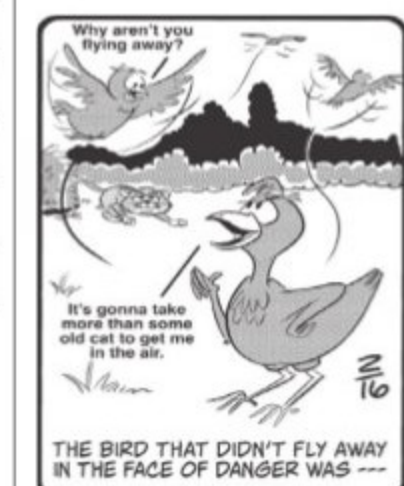
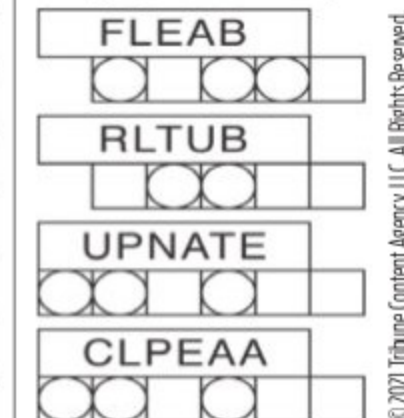
Across: 1 Punishment, 8 Ruche, 9 Tremolo, 10 Precede, 11 Delta, 12 Bunker, 14 Edward, 17 Igloo, 19 Soliloquy, 21 Ascribe, 22 Sien, 23 Sandstorm.

Down: 2 Unclean, 3 bene, 4 Hither, 5 Emended, 6 Troll, 7 Now and then, 8 Republican, 13 Ensign, 15 Anagram, 16 Egrets, 18 Locks, 20 Lasso.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kneuek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWER: TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: GIZMO, AFTER JOGGER, RELENT
ANSWER: Sasquatch prints had been found in the snow and the TV news crew got some -- FOOTAGE

11-yr-old gets entangled in swing wire, dies

Parents rush her to govt hospital in Magadi, doctors declare her brought dead

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

AN 11-year-old girl asphyxiated to death after getting caught in the plastic wire of a swing at her home at Kenchanahalli on Magadi Road on Monday.

The girl, Bhavana Dikshith, was playing on the first floor of the duplex house, while her parents were on the ground floor. When there was no sound from the first floor for a while, the parents went up to check and found their daughter entangled in the wire. They pulled her out and rushed her to the government hospital in Magadi, where the doctors declared her brought dead.

After registering a medico-legal case, the doctors informed the police. The Kundur police went to the hospital and recorded the statements of her father KS Ravi Kumar Dikshith (45), who is a priest.

"A case of unnatural death under Section 174 of CrPC

has been registered. We are awaiting the postmortem report to ascertain the exact cause of the death and time. As per her father's statement, Bhavana died getting entangled herself in the plastic wire of the swing," said an officer.

The girl's death stresses the dangers posed by plastic wires and ropes used as swings by children.

Dev Balaji Setty, Founder and Director, Nature Admire Treks, told TNIE that children should not be left alone while they play on the swing. "The swing should be tied at least two or three feet above the ground. Children should be advised to sit and play on the swing and not stand."

He said the quality of the swing should always be checked and it is advisable for children to play on metal swings. "Plastic swings are life threatening. If children stand and swing, they will go off balance and are likely to get entangled."

Woman gives supari to kill father-in-law, held

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THE Bidadi police claims to have solved the murder of Gantappa, a 56-year-old Congress leader and landlord, by arresting his daughter-in-law and her friend. The accused are Chaitra Nandish (25), a resident of Bidadi, and M Naveen (31) of Harohalli. According to sources, Chaitra was frustrated with her father-in-law for throwing her husband out of the house, and is alleged to have treated her badly. The accused hatched a plot and sought help from her friend, and gave him supari to kill Gantappa, who lived alone.

On February 25, the duo accosted Gantappa near his house and hit him on his head with a blunt weapon. He was found dead around 11.30pm. "She has given a 30gram gold chain to her partner in crime, and assured him more money after the killing. After the murder, Nandish had filed a police complaint," said an officer who is part of the investigation.

EXPRESS READ

Gang steals LPG cylinders, nabbed

Bengaluru: Amruthahalli police arrested a gang of three who had escaped with 100 LPG cylinders worth Rs 6 lakh on Wednesday. The arrested have been identified as Suhail Ahmed (34), Syed Jaif Pasha, (20) and Ganesh , (31), residents of Sampigehalli. A police officer said that a week ago the trio had been to a private agency near Hebbal seeking to buy 100 cylinders for a programme they are organising. They paid an advance and assured that they would return the empty cylinder and the remaining amount the next day. Trusting them, the company supervisor delivered the cylinders and tried to contact them but their phones remained switched off. He filed a complaint. Based on a complaint, the police arrested the trio and recovered all the 100 cylinders and seized an auto and a goods van.

Woman killed in accident, traffic hit in KS Layout

Bengaluru: A 26-year-old woman was killed on the spot while her brother escaped with minor injuries after a speeding truck knocked their scooter at KS Layout on Wednesday afternoon. The traffic was thrown out of gear for a while following the mishap. The deceased has been identified as Shabrin Taj, and the injured Shiekh Hussain (30) are the resident of Kengeri. A police officer said that the incident took place when the duo were travelling to their relatives house near 100 feet road bridge. Meanwhile, the truck driver tried to overtake their scooter and crashed. As a result Taj riding pillion, fell under the rear wheel and was crushed to death. A passerby alerted Kumar Swamy Layout traffic police before shifting the body to a government hospital.

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Ex-corporator's 'missing' hubby traced

Bengaluru: Lohith, the husband of a former corporator who had gone missing under mysterious circumstances from Nandagudi near Hoskote on the outskirts of the city on March 29, was traced in Varanasi on Wednesday. Police said he decided to go underground as he had huge debts and lenders were forcing him to return the money. Lohith is the husband of the former JDS corporator of Binnypet BMP ward Aishwarya Nagaraj. He had visited his farm in Nandagudi, from where he went missing on March 29. The police had found his car abandoned on the highway between Nandagudi and Hoskote and the vehicle reportedly had bloodstains on its seats, leading the police to suspect that Lohith may have been kidnapped. "Police teams intensified the search but he never contacted his wife or family members. However, he was in touch with his friends over phone. We gathered information regarding his whereabouts. A police team was sent to Varanasi and he was traced there on Wednesday," a police officer said. "He revealed that he had borrowed huge loans but was unable to repay them. As there was pressure to return the money, he decided to go underground. Hence, he split some blood on the car seat and fled from Bengaluru."

Artificial sweeteners could lead to cancer

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

A new observational study from France suggests use of artificial sweeteners in snacks and beverages as an alternative to sugar, increases the risk of cancer, mainly breast cancer and obesity.

The study, done by the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research and Sorbonne Paris Nord University, has suggested that there could be three more incidents of breast cancer for every 10,000 people. The study, done on 1,02,865 people, was recently published in PLOS Medicine.

"This is the first such large study probably done in this regard. We are in the generation which seeks 'instant' results. We are living in an unlimited era, and everyone wants to look at zero calories intake. But this study has shown that in this process of using alternatives to sugar for a 'healthy' lifestyle, we are increasing cancer causation," Dr Vishal Rao, Country Director, Head and Neck Surgi-

SWEET TOOTH?

APARTAME USED IN:
Diet soda, sugar-free ice-cream, reduced-calorie fruit juice, gum, yoghurt, sugarless candy

ACESULFAME:
Candies, tabletop sweeteners, chewing gums, beverages, dessert and dairy product mixes, baked goods, alcoholic beverages, syrups, refrigerated and frozen desserts, sweet sauces, toppings

SUCRALOSE: Baked goods, beverages, chewing gum, gelatins, frozen dairy desserts



food safety becomes more relevant for cancer. More studies have to be done locally to understand it better."

While many endocrinologists recommend artificial sweeteners for diabetic patients, as several studies have demonstrated safety and good tolerability, doctors advise people to refrain from using them.

Dr Santosh HS, Consultant Endocrinologist, Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, said, "Sugar substitutes are widely available in today's market, and the industry strongly recommends it for diabetic patients. However, I encourage my patients to use natural fruits and refrain from using artificial sweeteners as long-term safety data is not clearly demonstrated."

Dr Subrata Das, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine & Diabetology, Sakra World Hospital, said, "This study shows an increase in breast cancer and obesity-related cancers, but further trials are required to prove the cause-effect relationship."



Respect, Rights, Opportunities

A Government committed to inclusive development of Tribal Communities

- ◆ Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Jayanti declared as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'
- ◆ Four-fold increase in Union budget for tribal development from ₹21,525 crore in 2013-14 to ₹87,584 crore in 2022-23
- ◆ Allotment for Scholarships doubled from ₹978 crore in 2013-14 to ₹2,726 crore in 2021-22
- ◆ Five-fold jump in number of Eklavya schools sanctioned in 2014-22 (512), compared to 2004-2014 (90)
- ◆ Over one crore tribals screened during project to eliminate Sick Cell disease
- ◆ 10 Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums being set up across India
- ◆ Doubling of forest rights from 55 lakh acre in 2006-14 to 103.5 lakh acre in 2014-22
- ◆ Mission Van Dhan benefitting 9 lakh people via 52,976 Van Dhan SHGs in 3,110 Vikas Kendra clusters
- ◆ Bamboo taken out of regulatory shackles by amending Indian Forest Act, boosting bamboo cultivation and sale
- ◆ For the first time ever, Development and Welfare Board for De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities constituted

“ Our Government has been steadfast in its efforts towards empowerment of our tribal communities and preservation of their traditions. We are working tirelessly to transform the tribal-rural economic system ”

- Narendra Modi

ELECTION EQUATION

BJP wary of controversy ahead of polls

Sympathy for the deceased in the society, truth will come out after probe, says BJP nat'l general secretary CT Ravi

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

RURAL Development and Panchayat Raj Minister KS Eshwarappa who was refusing to resign from the ministry till Thursday afternoon is said to have done so after the BJP central leaders intervened. Eshwarappa, however, maintained that it was his decision.

Sources said with the state

assembly polls scheduled early next year, the ruling BJP does not want to take any chances as the Congress was making corruption a big issue and that led to Eshwarappa's decision to step down from the ministry.

A senior BJP leader said in order to dispel suspicion that are in the public, resignation has to be given. This does not mean the person who resigned is wrong.

There is no pressure from high command, but they gave some examples of BJP leaders who resigned earlier after cases were registered against them, BJP sources said adding that Eshwarappa voluntarily resigned as this issue was putting the party and the government in embarrassment. An FIR was registered against the minister in contractor Santosh Patil's suicide case.

"Without work order or sanction, plan, once cannot take up the work even if the Chief Minister directs to take it up orally, it is unacceptable. For everything, it has to be on paper. But the person who is no more has alleged that it was done based on Eshwarappa's direction. It is a different thing that Eshwarappa has filed a contempt case against him. But the first thing in society, sympathy goes to the

deceased," a leader said.

BJP national General Secretary CT Ravi said generally, there is sympathy for the deceased in society. "Eshwarappa has not done any wrong. After a probe, the truth will come out. There are many questions surrounding his death. Only after probe, one will get a clear picture whether he had committed suicide or it was something else," he told TNIE.

ALL IN A DAY



A large number of people attend the funeral of Santosh Patil at Badas, Belagavi

No BJP leader at Santosh's funeral: Hebbalkar

BELAGAVI: The final rites of contractor Santosh K Patil turned into a stage to showcase political strength with Congress leaders led by Belagavi rural MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar participating in large numbers at his native Badas village in the taluk on Thursday, outnumbering BJP workers. Tension prevailed after a few relatives of Santosh insisted that BJP leaders should come to the spot and assure that Rural Development Minister KS Eshwarappa would be arrested, and only then the last rites would be performed. Meanwhile, Hebbalkar expressed shock saying, "No BJP leaders attended Santosh's funeral, who himself was an ardent party leader", demanding that the government announce a compensation of Rs 5 crore to the next of kin of Santosh, apart from giving a government job to his wife. She also demanded an inquiry into the suicide case.

Khader demands CBI probe into suicide

MANGALURU: Deputy leader of the opposition and MLA U T Khader on Thursday lashed out at the BJP for setting a bad precedent by not taking action against minister KS Eshwarappa, and demanded a CBI inquiry into contractor Santosh Patil's suicide case. At a press conference, Khader demanded a fair investigation into the allegations. "When Congress was in power, our minister K J George had tendered his resignation after a FIR was registered against him, and the case was handed over to the CBI. The Contractors' Association had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi a year ago but no action was taken. Even a BJP worker has no protection and is forced to commit suicide. In the Paramesh Mesta case, the Congress government handed it over to the CBI but the BJP government at the Centre is yet to release the report," he said.

Arrest Eshwarappa, demands Santosh's brother

BELAGAVI: Soon after RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa announced his resignation, Prashant Patil, brother of Santosh Patil, who committed suicide in Udupi, demanded that the minister be arrested. Prashant said, "We do not need Eshwarappa's resignation. An FIR has been filed with regard to the death against the minister and that is why he should be arrested along with other accused in the case." The government should immediately pay Rs 4.12 crore which Santosh had spent on carrying out 108 road development works in Belagavi, and give a government job to Jayashree, wife of Santosh, demanded Prashant.

'Mahanayak', his team trapped KSE: Jarkiholi

BELAGAVI: Amid the raging controversy over the suicide of contractor Santosh K Patil that has forced RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa to announce his resignation, former water resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi said, "It is the same team of Mahanayak referring to a top Congress leader in the state) which has conspired against Eshwarappa. The government should order a CBI inquiry into both the sex CD case and Santosh's mysterious death to expose the truth", after meeting with the bereaved family of Santosh. "I won't take the name of Mahayanak who is involved in targeting me and Eshwarappa, but I will expose him. I will address media at 11 am on Monday with the consent of BJP high command and speak in detail about the way Eshwarappa was trapped," he added.

Cong leaders sit on 24-hr dharna, demand Eshwarappa's arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CONGRESS leaders, who attempted to gherao Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai over contractor Santosh Patil's suicide, were arrested and later released on Thursday. Afterwards, they started their 24-hour protest in front of Vidhana Soudha that will conclude at noon on Friday.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, MLAs from Bengaluru and I are sitting on the dharna, demanding the arrest of RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa, who sought 40 per cent commission from Patil to clear pending bills for works done, which led to his suicide. The district-wide protest will begin from Saturday and not Friday as planned earlier."

Amid these developments, Eshwarappa announced that he



KPCC chief DK Shivakumar being taken into a police van in Bengaluru on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

would resign. Shivakumar said, "Eshwarappa has said before the media that he would resign, but we do not trust him."

Asked if Congress will call off the protest, he said, "No, we will continue the protest through the night. Eshwarappa has to be booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act

and arrested. Santosh Patil's brother had complained about corruption before the police, but it has been deliberately left out of the FIR. The BJP government is trying to cover up this issue of corruption."

On BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi's statement that he would expose the Mahanayak's hand in the case on Monday, Shivakumar said, "Let him reveal whatever he wants. We are prepared to face him." He said that the same team that conspired against him was hatching a plot against Eshwarappa too.

Shivakumar said, "Bommai should announce an ex-gratia of Rs 1 crore to the bereaved family and also pay the amount spent on the works done by Patil. The government should give a job to Patil's wife on compassionate grounds. Congress is committed to giving her a job till she is appointed by the government."

Order detailed probe: Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru: Former Chief Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) leader HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday said the government should order a detailed probe into death of contractor Santosh Patil, who had accused the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister KS Eshwarappa's associates of demanding commission to clear bills. Udupi Police on Wednesday filed FIR against the RDPR minister and his associates.

Teams to fan out, collect evidence

UDUPI: Udupi SP Vishnuvardhan has formed separate police teams to assist investigation into the suicide of contractor Santosh Patil. The teams are expected to head to Chikkamagaluru, Davanagere and Shivamogga and focus on evidence gathering. A policewoman from Udupi will be going to Santosh's home in Belagavi to take his wife's statement. Sources added that police will submit a report to a special court in Bengaluru, as it is a high-profile case.

BELAGAVI ZP CEO ON LEAVE, PROBE MAY BE DELAYED

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE probe into the road works taken up by contractor Santosh Patil in Hindalga, without a work order as he had claimed, is likely to be delayed as the Chief Executive Officer of Belagavi Zilla Panchayat is on leave. The State government, which has sought information from the officer regarding Santosh's allegations on taking up work, will have to wait. The long weekend ahead is likely to delay matters further.

Santosh Patil, the contractor who made allegations against Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister KS Eshwarappa on seeking 40 per

cent commission, was found dead on April 12 at a lodge in Udupi. But four days earlier, on April 8, RDPR Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) L K Atheeq had written to the CEO Darshan HV, seeking details of the 108 works and on what basis they were taken up, and also the reasons for taking up work without technical or administrative approval.

Atheeq had also mentioned that if the works were taken, why had it not come to the notice of local panchayat officials. He also sought a detailed report of the involvement of officials, if any. Prior to this, on April 5, the Hindalga Gram Panchayat chairperson is said to have written a letter to the RDPR depart-

ment. Asked about it, Atheeq said he had sought details from the CEO, who is on leave. "He will send a report as soon as he returns," Atheeq told TNIE.

On the other hand, department sources said details were sought much before the tragedy happened. "It's been six days since the ACS wrote to the CEO of Belagavi ZP. With a long weekend coming up, the reply will not be sent at least till Monday," sources said.

Meanwhile, a senior official said, on condition of anonymity, that Santosh's allegation says 108 works. "We don't know if these works were undertaken. Our engineers are verifying it at the ground level by measuring the actual work," he said.

KSE thrived on controversy

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru



Karnataka RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa, who has announced that he will resign from the cabinet on Friday, proved to be the enfant terrible who constantly put the Basavaraj Bommai government in a spot. He had made a habit of stoking contentious issues and making controversial statements, leading to some degree of discomfiture for the party.

He had to pay the ultimate price when an FIR charging him with abetment, was filed in contractor Santosh Patil's suicide case. The hardcore pro-Hindutva leader with RSS backing has given the opposition much fodder, especially in the past few months when communal issues charged up the political domain.

In February, when KPCC president DK Shivakumar alleged that the Tricolour was removed and a saffron flag was hoisted at a government college in Shivamogga, Eshwarappa had retorted that "the saffron flag will be hoisted on Red Fort in the future".

The Congress, riven by internal bickering, had put up a show of unity to corner the ruling dispensation, and insisted that he be booked on sedition charges. The assembly witnessed a furore as Congress MLAs had demanded his resignation and staged a day and

night sit-in. BJP National President J P Nadda, in an interview, had ticked off Eshwarappa, saying the party will never tolerate such remarks.

On February 20, when Bajrang Dal activist Harsha was killed in Shivamogga, Eshwarappa had jumped the gun to state that "Muslim goondas" had murdered him, without a preliminary investigation. He also organised Harsha's funeral procession, which left a trail of arson, and had come under harsh criticism for violating prohibitory orders. As recently as April 8, Shivamogga police filed an FIR against Eshwarappa for alleged provocative statements.

He regularly shot off his mouth, whether he was in the House, in public or before the media. "Christians and Muslims one day will become RSS," he had said recently. During the hijab row, Eshwarappa had defended the distribution of saffron stoles to youngsters.

KSE decided to resign on his own: Bommai

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BOMMAI also maintained that Eshwarappa had spoken to him and had on his own decided to resign from the cabinet, shouldering moral responsibility. The high command had sought a report about the developments, but had not intervened in it, the CM said.

The minister was named as accused number one in the FIR filed by the Udupi police after Belagavi-based contractor Santosh Patil — who had made allegations that the minister's associates had demanded a commission to clear bills for the works taken up by him — was found dead in a hotel room reportedly after consuming a drink laced with poison on Tuesday.

The opposition Congress was mounting pressure on the CM to sack Eshwarappa from the ministry, and had plans to make it a big issue in the run-up to the elections.

On Thursday, senior Congress leaders tried to lay siege to the CM's residence in Bengaluru, demanding his arrest. They have decided to go ahead with day-and-night dharna at

Vidhana Soudha demanding Eshwarappa's arrest and registering a case under Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Karnataka Contractors' Association too has threatened to go on a strike by stopping all ongoing works in the state.

Earlier in the day, Bommai had strongly backed Eshwarappa, saying no action will be taken against the minister till a preliminary inquiry is completed. "Truth will come out after a detailed probe into Santosh Patil's death and there is no need to reply to baseless allegations. Let the preliminary inquiry report come and we will decide on the action to be taken," he stated before Eshwarappa announced his decision to resign.

The CM had also hit out at the Karnataka Contractors' Association which had threatened to stop all works, saying it is not the only association in the state. Association members had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that ministers in Karnataka were demanding 40 per cent commission to give contracts.

Nuggekeri temple says no one allowed to do biz

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH @ Dharwad

NUGGEKERI Hanuman Temple authorities were in a dilemma following the incident of vandalism over whether to permit business at the premises. Finally, the authorities have decided that nobody will be permitted to conduct business be it a Hindu or non-Hindu.



After the incident, Muslim leaders met the temple administration and requested that space be provided to their community to conduct business. Meanwhile, the Hindu activists demanded that non-Hindu be barred. With Hanuman Jayanti on the

coming Saturday, the temple authorities were in confusion over the issue.

A member of the Nuggekeri temple administration said the place for business was provided to benefit the devotees and the small businessmen, but things have taken a different turn, and to maintain peace, the members have decided that no place will be provided for business.

"There is no need of fighting in the name of religion. The temple area is spread around three acres and we will not allow anybody for any kind of business. The same message has been passed to the district administration and police authorities," added the member.

Will bring changes to PTCL Act as per SC order: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ON the 131st birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday declared that his government in Karnataka is prepared to effect changes to the Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands (PTCL) Act, 1978, following the Supreme Court's order.

This means that there will be no time limit for SC/ST community members to apply before the authorities for the regrant of their lands disposed in the past to other community members, violating the rules.

"A circular has already been issued in this regard and the government is committed to implement the SC order soon," Bommai promised while taking



Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai pays tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar on Ambedkar Jayanti in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADGAL

part in the 131st birth anniversary of the father of Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar at Banquet hall at Vidhana Soudha.

The government has also increased the financial assistance from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 20 lakh to

those SC/STs who want to buy the agricultural land, he said.

Bommai listed out the schemes the government has been implementing for the uplift of the community.

He mentioned that 75 units of free electricity to the poor,

increase of risk allowance to pourakarmikas to Rs 2,000, increase in financial assistance for self employment from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh, a plan to construct hostel complexes to help SC/ST/OBCs/minorities students overall 1,000 rooms, at

an estimated cost of Rs 280 crore besides constructing 100 Ambedkar hostels.

As Ambedkar had dreamed about economic equity with a concern for women, Bommai said a special programme to give women Rs 500 has been implemented and Rs 50 crore will be granted to SC/ST women SHGs by linking them through an anchor bank. "Some community leaders because of their vested interest used you as vote banks as they were afraid of you coming up in life. But we are for transformation through work and you people should gauge us on these yardsticks," he suggested.

Bommai laid the foundation stone for the Ambedkar Spurti-soudha to house all the social welfare department's offices under one roof to provide services to the downtrodden.

TECHNICAL MALFUNCTION

Blast toll rises to six, panel to probe lapses

Only 40 of 200 employees were present; Gas leak suspected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

THE toll in the blast that took place in the Porus Laboratories Private Limited at Akkireddygudem in Musunuru Mandal in Eluru district late Wednesday night rose to six with four more workers succumbing to burns. Five of the victims died on the spot while another succumbed while undergoing treatment at the New Government General Hospital (GGH) in Vijayawada. The unit has been closed temporarily pending investigation.

The incident occurred around 11:30 pm when the gas used for manufacturing active pharmaceutical ingredients and other intermediates in the boiler unit leaked due to suspected malfunction and resulted in the explosion. The unit has a workforce of 200 but only 40 are working on the night shift when the mishap took place. Around 20 workers were there when the reactor blasted, police and eye-witnesses said.

The police and fire services personnel toiled hard to douse the flames and shifted the injured to Government General Hospital in Vijayawada. Later, 11 of them were shifted to a private hospital in the city for better treatment.

Six have died of which four are from Bihar. The casualties might increase as 12 injured are in a serious condition with 30-50 percent burns. Of the injured, seven hail from Bihar," Eluru district collector Prasanna Venkatesh said after visiting the hospital Thursday morning.

Doctors at the GGH, who initially treated the injured, said



Andhra Pradesh Home Minister T Vanitha visits an injured worker in a hospital in Gollapudi, Andhra Pradesh, on Thursday | PRASANT MADUGULA

some workers suffered more than 70 per cent burns and are in a critical condition. The victims are identified as U Krishna (34), and B Kiran (35) of Akkireddygudem and K Ravi Dasu (40), Manoj Mochi (25), Subash Ravi Das (32) and Abhudas Ravi Das (27) of Bihar.

Tension prevailed at the factory with people from villages near the factory demanding action against the factory management. Some even tried to barge into the factory but were prevented by the police. Villagers claimed that due to the neglect of the factory, air and water pollution in the area is making their lives difficult and even affecting the crop yield.

Speaking to TNIE, Venkatesh said, "The Joint Collector was appointed as the investigation officer to probe the incident. The officer would also inquire if the factory has obtained all permissions," he said.

Victim's families demand action against Porus Laboratories

Vijayawada: The family members of the workers who died or suffered injuries in the blast at Porus Laboratories in Eluru district demanded action against the management of the factory for their negligence. They wanted the factory to be shutdown permanently. Speaking to TNIE at the New Government General Hospital, Vijayawada, K Shyam, brother of one of the injured from Tummagudem said around 11 p.m, he received a call from his brother, who was being shifted to a hospital. "The only words that my brother told me was that he was going to die. I tried to call him back, but there was no response," he told TNIE. Shyam immediately rushed to the factory and found the factory gutted.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Chennai

THE face-off between the DMK government and Governor **RN Ravi** over the NEET Bill worsened on Tamil New Year's day with the Council of Ministers led by Chief Minister MK Stalin and the DMK's allies boycotting the At Home hosted by the Governor.

However, AIADMK, BJP and PMK attended the event at Raj Bhavan while top government officials including Chief Secretary, DGP and senior IAS officers stayed away. Hours ahead of the At Home, Ministers Thangam Thennarasu and Ma Subramaniam called on the governor and renewed the state government's request for early

assent to the NEET Bill and other bills pending with him. The ministers, after meeting the governor, announced that they are forced to boycott the At Home since the governor did not give any assurance on forwarding the NEET Bill to the President.

Thangam Thennarasu said, "On September 13, 2021, unanimously passed the bill. It was delayed for 142 days and returned the bill for reconsideration. The bill was passed by the State Assembly for the second time on February 8 and was sent for the governor's assent. On March 15, the Tamil Nadu

Chief Minister met the governor and requested him to give the latter's assent. At that time, the governor said he would be forwarding the bill to the President because the bill was sent to him for the second time. However, the governor did not do that and the bill is still pending with the governor.

On January 31, the CM took up the issue during his meeting with the PM. "Even after a long delay, the governor is yet to give his assent to the NEET Bill which reflected the feelings of the people of Tamil Nadu and the aspirations of the students

wishing to pursue medical studies. Besides, the dignity of the State Assembly has been put into question because of this delay in forwarding the Bill to the President. Besides, NEET Bill, many other Bills are also awaiting the governor's assent," Thangam Thennarasu told reporters at Raj Bhavan.

"Only if the Governor forwards the NEET Bill now to the President, the Union Government will consider this Bill and at least from the forthcoming academic year, medical admissions in Tamil Nadu could be able to be done as per the marks obtained by the students in their Plus Two examination," the Minister added.

Theatres houseful, fans hand out sweets

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Fans of Rocking Star, as Yash is called, performed pujas to screens and to his cutouts in most cinemas, especially at Triveni Theatre in Gandhinagar. Processions with drums were taken out with fans dancing to the tunes of the movie songs. They distributed sweets and fed people in droves. The first show was scheduled at midnight and fans stayed up to catch the action-filled flick. The early morning screenings saw unprecedented crowds across the state.

A distributor in Karnataka was delighted to see the theatres full and said that it has been a long wait after the difficult period of Covid pandemic.

Shobha, who watched the film at Urvasi theatre along with her family, said she enjoyed the movie. The mother-son connect in KGF 1 hit a chord with her, and she desperately wanted to watch KGF Chapter 2, which had an equal impact, she added.

Housefull boards were seen at almost all theatres. Crowds were huge at Prasanna, Veeresh and Navaragar. At Vaishnavi, Vaibhavi, Mukta and A2 cinemas in Uttarahalli people from different age groups came to watch Rocky Bhair's performance.

An all-woman gang, mostly young girls, had booked the entire show at Venkateshwara

theatre in Kengeri. They performed a puja to the screen and poured milk on Yash's cutouts.

The film is directed by Prashanth Neel and produced by Vijay Kiragandur under Homble Films.

Wishes poured in from personalities from across the state and country. Yash's performance is strong and stylish that is engaging and entertaining. The film gets good support from Srinidhi Shetty, Raveena Tandon, Sanjay Dutt, and Achyuth Kumar, among the cast.

But it is not curtains down for the KGF franchise, with Prashanth Neel hinting at KGF Chapter 3!

TRS facilitated Akbar acquittal, alleges Telangana BJP chief

HYDERABAD: Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay on Thursday announced that the BJP would reopen the alleged hate speech case against Akbaruddin Owaisi, from which he has been acquitted on Wednesday if it comes to power in Telangana. Addressing a meeting in Alampur temple town of from where he launched the second phase of his Praja Sangrama Yatra on Thursday, Sanjay said that on one hand the State government did not submit evidence that would have convicted Akbar.

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The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client ARUNA A W/o. K. VENKATARAMAN, aged about 54 years, residing at No. 44, 8th Main, Kurubarahalli, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079, have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **TRIPURA SUNDARI D/o. Late K. Prakash B.N.** who was died on 07.12.2014 at No. 44, 8th Main, Kurubarahalli, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below on or before 15/05/2022 in C.Misc. No. 2125/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERSTEDAR, COURT OF THE
36th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
PUSHPALATHA, V, ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE
The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client K. Dhanalakshmi W/o. Late Muraliappa, aged about 58 years, residing at No. 27, 2nd Cross, Langford Road, Shanthinagar, Vilas Nagar, Bengaluru-560027, have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **MURTIAPPA S/o. Late THIMMARAPPA** who was died on 22-10-2014 at No. 27, 2nd Cross, Langford Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below on or before 15/05/2022 in C.Misc. No. 1677/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERSTEDAR, COURT OF THE
36th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
Smt. PAVITHRA R, ADVOCATE

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I AT BANGALORE
2nd Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, BANGALORE - 560 025
O.A. No. 935 / 2020

Between:
CANARA BANK, K.R. Puram Branch,
No. 47, K.R. Puram Main Road, K.R. Puram, BANGALURU - 560 036.
Repld. by its Senior Manager,
Smt. KALAVANI C. ...APPLICANT
And:
Sri B. SUNIL KUMAR, S/o Sri A. Babu,
Aged 38 years, R/At No. 27/A, ITI Layout, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Vijaynagar, BANGALURU - 560 016. R/At Kithagannur Village, K.R. Puram Post, BANGALURU - 560 036. ...DEFENDANT

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.26,61,854.00 (Rupees Twenty-six Lakhs Sixty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-four only)**, together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or through authorised agent's in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 22-07-2022 at 11:00 AM, as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this 8th day of April 2022.

Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE
The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **270TH W/o. Late KARTHIK M.** aged about 40 years, R/At No. 403, 2nd Cross, T.P. Kuppam Street, Penjar Nagar, Bengaluru-560005, and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **KARTHIK M S/o. Late MURUGANATH** who was died on 22-10-2014 at No. 403, 2nd Cross, T.P. Kuppam Street, Penjar Nagar, Bengaluru-560005. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below on or before 22/05/2022 in C.Misc. No. 1760/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERSTEDAR, COURT OF THE
36th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
PUSHPALATHA, V, ADVOCATE

WESTERN RAILWAY
PROVISION OF NEW GOODS LINE FOR LOADING/ UNLOADING WORKS
Divisional Railway Manager(WA), Western Railway 61, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400 008, invites E-tender as per details given as follows, Sr. No. : 2. Executive : Sr.DEN (CENTRAL) BCT Tender Notice No.4 & Date : BCT/22-03/06, dt. 13.04.2022

Work and location : Udhna-Provision of new goods line for loading/unloading in Udhna New Goods Shed (UNGU) Approx. cost of work in Rs. : Rs. 94,53,553.56 EMD Rs. : Rs. 621,200.00 Date & Time of submission : on 10.05.2022 at 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of opening : on 10.05.2022 at 15:30 hrs. Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit www.reps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered. 0034 Like us: www.facebook.com/WesternRly

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Sri Chandan Radhakrishna, S/o Late Radhakrishna R, is the joint owner of the property more fully described in the Schedule. His father, who is deceased now, had acquired the property under a Sale Deed dated 16/02/2004 registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk as No. BAS-1-23199-2003-04 and stored in CD No. BASD15 from Smt. Sarasamma.

My client states that the Original previous Sale Deed dated 29/10/2003 executed by Sri K. V. Venkatesh in favour of Smt. M. Sarasamma registered in the office of Sub Registrar as Document No. 14713/2003-04, in Book - 1, dated 29/10/ 2003, is irrevocably lost. Further, he has lodged a police complaint on 05/03/2022 with the Bangalore City Police, regarding the loss of document.

If anyone finds the above documents or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within Ten days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Public are hereby cautioned not to deal with anyone who provides the aforesaid document. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within Ten days from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion of the House Property bearing House List No. 156/9-R, Old V.P. Khatha No. 867, Present Khatha No. 557, Present BBMP Khatha No. S117/867/557/156/9R, now with No. 156/9R, 28th Cross, Kempegowda Layout, Hullaivannu, Bangalore, admeasuring East to West: 50 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 square feet, having a residential house with ground and first floor, situated at Hullaivannu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under BBMP, and bounded on: East by : Property of Sri Homnappa Reddy West by : 30 feet Road North by : Northern portion of the same property belonging to Smt. Saubhagya South by : Property of Sri Srinivas Reddy J.N.LASINGAR, Advocate 193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar Bangalore - 560 078. Mob: 990095158, 9845944158 Bangalore Dated: 13/04/2022

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WESTERN RAILWAY
VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. IND/DIN/L/DY/CE/CI/104 DT. 13-04-2022, TWO PACKET SYSTEM. Invites e-tender for following work : 1. Name of work: T.No. IND/DIN/L/DY/CE/CI/104; Balance work of Earthwork & Blanketing in embankment/cutting in formation of new BG line including yards, bridge approaches etc., Construction of bridge work (Major/Minor - foundation, sub structure and super structure) as per Railway's approved Design and Drawing, carting of steel girder component, construction of Retaining/Boundary/Toe wall, supply & spreading of machine crushed stone ballast, Laying and linking of BG track for Main line, loop lines and Points & Crossing etc. in section/ yards, Transportation of P.Way materials, Welding of Rails, and other incidental miscellaneous works etc. between Tihi (including) Gunawad (including) section (32.65 Km) in connection with new BG line project between Dahod-Indore of Ratlam Division - Western Railway, 2. Approximate cost of work : Rs. 143,88,31,598.55, 3. Earnest Money : Rs. 73,44,200.00, 4. Date and Submission of bid and opening : Submission : 06.05.2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. Date and time of opening of Technical Bid: 06.05.2022 at 15.30 Hrs. 5. Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office : www.reps.gov.in, Office of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) II, Western Railway, Opposite Indore Railway Station, Near Patel Bridge, Indore-(MP) 452001 0030 Like us: www.facebook.com/WesternRly

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client has entered into an agreement of sale with one SRI. V. UMASHANKAR Son of Sri. Vasudeva S.M., the General power of attorney holder of SRI. N. PREMBHOJ, with the consent of his other family members they are 1) Sri. N. Bala Bhaj 2) Sri. N. Veer Bhaj 3) Sri. N. Dheer Bhaj 4) Sri. N. Simha Bhaj and 5) Sri. Shalva Bhaj, who have consented the said S. N. Prem Bhaj through their general power of attorney holder Sri. N. Balabhoj, agreeing to purchase the property detailed in the schedule hereunder. Any of the persons, who are having any sort of right, title, interest, claim or objection over the schedule property in any manner whatsoever, shall submit their objections within seven days from today to the address below mentioned with their respective claim in writing. No objections are received within seven days, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction. This is for kind consideration of the concerned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.30, Raj Mahal Vilas extension Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 60 Feet and North to South: 45 Feet, totally measuring 2700 Square feet bounded on East by: Property bearing site No. 29, West by: Road, North by: Property bearing site No. 31, and South by: Road.

ADDRESS FOR SUBMITTING OBJECTIONS:

MOHAN, S. Advocate
No.38/2, 2nd Floor N.S.Yengar Street, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 M: 98451 87034

PUBLIC NOTICE
SALE OF PROPERTY AT COORG, KARNATAKA
Pursuant to the order dt.11.04.22 by Hble Mr. Justice M.Govindaraj, High Court of Madras in WMP 28650/2021 in WP 14577/1999 sealed offers are invited for the sale of 10 acres of land in Survey No 123/1P1 situated at Ibbanivalladi Village, Madikeri Taluk, Karnataka standing in the name of Mr. Harshavardhan and Mr. Vishnu vardhan, sons of Mr. K.S.V.Shannammug.

CONDITIONS

- The entire property of 10 acres will be sold as single unit.
- Offer should be accompanied by EMD amount of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakhs only) to be paid by Demand Draft favouring Alwarpet Benefit Fund, payable at Chennai.
- The offer along with the DD towards EMD shall be sent in a sealed cover superscribing "Quotation for the property at Ibbanivalladi Village, Madikeri Taluk, Coorg District, Karnataka" and addressed to "The Joint Commissioner, Alwarpet Benefit Fund Ltd, Chennai", so as to reach us on or before 25.04.2022.
- The sealed covers will be placed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras for orders.
- The Sale is subject to confirmation by the High Court of Madras.
- The property will be sold to the highest offeror as ordered by the Court.
- After confirmation of sale, in the event of withdrawal by the offeror, EMD amount will be forfeited.
- The balance of sale consideration should be paid within 30 days of our communication of the order of confirmation failing which the sale will stand cancelled and EMD will be forfeited.
- The property is sold in "As is where is" and "whatever therein" condition. Documents relating to title of the property is not available.
- In respect of unsuccessful bidders the EMD will be returned immediately.
- The cost of sale shall be borne by the buyer.

T. VENKATACHALAM, JOINT COMMISSIONER, (Appointed by the High Court Of Madras) ALWARPET BENEFIT FUND LTD. Chennai-18.

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VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. IND/DIN/L/DY/CE/CI/105 DT. 13-04-2022, TWO PACKET SYSTEM. Deputy Chief Engineer (construction) II, Western Railway, Indore for and behalf of the President of Union of India invites e-tender for following work : 1. Name of work : T.No. IND/DIN/L/DY/CE/CI/105; Earthwork & Blanketing in embankment / cutting in formation of new BG line including yards, bridge approaches etc., Construction of bridge work (Major /Minor - foundation, sub structure and super structure) as per Railways Design and drawing, carting of steel girder component , construction of Retaining/Boundary/ Toe wall, supply & spreading of machine crushed stone ballast, Laying and linking of BG track for Main line, loop lines and Points & Crossing etc. in section/ yards, Transportation of P way materials, Welding of Rails and other incidental miscellaneous work etc., between Gunawad (excluding) - Dhar (including) section (14.02 Km) in connection with Dahod-Indore New BG Line Project in Ratlam Division of Western Railway, 2. Approximate cost of work: Rs. 111,85,07,555.28, 3. Earnest Money : Rs. 57,42,500.00, 4. Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) Months (Including monsoon), 5. Date and Submission of bid and opening : Submission : 06.05.2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. Date and time of opening of Technical Bid: 06.05.2022 at 15.30 Hrs. 5. Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office : www.reps.gov.in, Office of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) II, Western Railway, Opposite Indore Railway Station, Near Patel Bridge, Indore-(MP) 452001 0031 Like us: www.facebook.com/WesternRly

PUBLIC NOTICE
The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **Mohammed Asadulla, S/o. Nazeer Ahmed,** aged about 50 years, R/At No. 23, 7th Cross, Govindappa layout, Bruvaneswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **MUBARAK UNNISA, W/o. Late NAZEER** who was died on 11.03.2016 at No. 33, 4th Cross, Kousar Nagar, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below on or before 15/05/2022 in C.Misc. No. 2126/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERSTEDAR, COURT OF THE
36th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
PUSHPALATHA, V, ADVOCATE

IN THE COURT OF H ADDL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BANGALURU
CRI. MISC. No. 361/2022
BETWEEN: 1. SMT. BHAGYALAKSHMI V.C. D/o Late V.C. Raju, W/o Prakash B.N., Aged about 54 years, residing at R.K.Complex, R.N.Nagar Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-01. 2. **SMT. SUMANA V.C.R.** D/o Late V.C. Raju, W/o Prakash N., aged about 51 years, residing at No.20, 2nd Cross, 1st Stage, Adarshnagar, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560 072. ... PETITIONERS AND THE TAXISADAR, Birth and Death Registrar, Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the petitioners are the above petition for obtaining an order seeking the direction to the above said respondent authority to enter the death of the deceased who is the elder mother of petitioners by name **LAKSHMANNA W/O. KUNJANNA**, expired on 14/05/1984, at Choudeshwari Beed, Varthur, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and accordingly obtain death certificate from the Respondent.

If any person interested to file their objection in this matter, may appear at 11 AM on 25/04/2022 to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble Addl Chief Judicial Magistrate at Bengaluru. Given under my hand seal of the court on this 12-4-2022. By order of the Court, Sheristad, Court of C.J.M, Bengaluru. Advocate for petitioners: JAMUNA.T.B

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PUSHPALATHA, V, ADVOCATE

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Website : www.ujvn.com

RO No. 136 NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Dated : 13.04.2022
Date Extension-4

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The amended dates of bid are as below:

Bid submission start Date 30-04-2022 from 17:00 Hrs
Last date for submission of bids on website 17-05-2022 up to 17:00 Hrs

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For any queries or objections, contact **M/s. R. Kothwal & Co.,** Advocates & Legal Consultants, #4/1, 1st Floor, Shamsuddin Memorial Building, H.H.S. Complex Compound, Suburban Main Road, Bangalore- 560002. Ph.090-2213124, 9448312007 Email:attorney.rkothwal@gmail.com.

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— Ramnath Goenka

STATE OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE A BLEMISH ON KERALA MODEL

The suo motu case registered by the State Human Rights Commission on Thursday on the inhuman treatment being meted out to patients at the Government Mental Health Centre in Thiruvananthapuram is the latest in a series of interventions by judicial and quasi-judicial forums to streamline the affairs of three major mental healthcare hospitals under Kerala's health department. In February, after the murder of an inmate by another at the mental health centre in Kozhikode, the district judge, on the directions of the Kerala HC, conducted an inspection and reported many violations. The latest intervention followed an expose by this newspaper on the deplorable conditions at the Thiruvananthapuram facility where patients were found locked up in cells with tin roofs and closed windows. The newspaper's team found gross violations of patient rights guaranteed by the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017. Section 20 of the Act ensures the right to live with dignity of persons with mental illness. Sadly, patients here are being treated like prisoners and live amid filth.

Reasons ranging from infrastructure inadequacies to insufficient number of staff are cited to justify what's essentially a case of utter bureaucratic apathy. Though the Mental Healthcare Act was passed five years ago, there hasn't been any sincere effort from the state government to implement the act in its true spirit. Section 73 of the Act mandates the constitution of mental health review boards to ensure patients' rights are not violated. Efforts to constitute review boards were initiated by the state mental health authority only this month. The authority, formed in January 2021, met only once so far though the law mandates that the body should meet at least four times a year. Kerala has always boasted of European standards in healthcare. But mental healthcare remains a blind spot. The inmates of mental hospitals are the most vulnerable section in the health sector. They are voiceless and they don't have voting rights. The tendency to take advantage of these vulnerabilities is a blemish on our claim of being a civilised society.

TIME TO GRAPPLE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOW

Over the last eight-nine months, the UN-initiated working groups on Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have released several startling reports on how close we are to a man-made environmental disaster if we don't keep global warming under control. The third and concluding report—Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change—was released a few days ago, and focuses on how through cooperative human action, rising temperatures of the Earth's surface can be limited to a rise of 1.5°C above Industrial Revolution levels. The report pinpoints changing people's preferences through policies and laws to control emissions and phase out fossil fuels. This will be made possible through decreased costs of technology, and more specifically the rise of solar, wind and battery-saved energy.

The significance of the UN Climate Report is its validation for litigation, outside the official government mandate, to confront the fossil fuel industry and prod local governments. Flagging court intervention as a valid tool, the report says since 2015, nearly 40 cases have been initiated against those governments that violate UN-mandated targets. As an example, it cites a groundbreaking judgment from the Hague District Court of the Netherlands in May 2021, which held Royal Dutch Shell PLC responsible for greenhouse gas emissions.

Since the message is to reduce emissions and the carbon footprint through cooperative effort, the consumption patterns of the higher income groups have to change more than those of the poor. The consumption of the bottom 90% contributes just 48% of global emissions while consumption of the top 1% contributes 15%. Thus, not owning multiple energy-guzzling cars and using public transport, and living in housing that is optimal rather than opulent are some of the first boxes to tick. Each government has its own challenges to face, and for India the message is to speed up the shift away from coal. India is committed to a target of achieving 50% of its energy from renewable sources, but today produces more than 70% from coal-fired plants. The plentiful deposits of the mineral and the high employment the sector offers has only complicated things.



Conditions are always changing, and real peace lies in the ability to adapt to these changes

Mingyur Rinpoche

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The flow of people to India is likely to increase because the nation-building experiments in neighbouring countries are based on the religion and language of the majority

LANKA CRISIS BRINGS REFUGEE ISSUES TO THE FORE

V SURYANARAYAN



Senior professor (retd), Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Madras

On 22 March 2022, 16 Sri Lankan nationals—men, women and children—arrived in India seeking asylum. They were dropped in islets, very near the shore, in the Gulf of Mannar and were asked to wade through the water during low tide. The Indian Coast Guard spotted them and brought them to the Mandapam Camp. The boatmen charged ₹10,000 per person. For the boatmen, this is a lucrative business, the law of supply and demand operates. If there is a greater demand to escape to India, they charge more money.

Two preliminary remarks are in order. The flow of refugees to India is likely to increase because the nation-building experiments in neighbouring countries are based on the religion and language of the majority. The minorities are bitter and discriminated against; they would like to come to India because our nation's record of providing asylum, from very early times, has been very generous. In Myanmar, for example, the Indian community cannot even use their names. When a child is admitted to the school, he has to take a Burmese name. All people, including women, are required to wear the national dress when they go to the office; the only place where they can wear Indian dress is at home, or on social occasions like marriage or while visiting temples.

As far as Sri Lanka is concerned I would like to highlight a striking contrast. On March 20, the Sri Lankan Deputy High Commissioner, His Excellency Venkateswaran Doraiswamy had arranged for the

visit of about 100 refugees from Ramanathapuram district. They came in a chartered bus, were provided facilities for stay in the High Commission premises, given breakfast and lunch, and were told how the High Commission would give birth certificates for the children born in India, issue temporary passports, and how they could expect an affectionate welcome when they reach the shores of Lanka. Three days later, 16 refugees arrived in India, some of them coming as refugees for the second time. When will the Rajapaksa brothers realise that unless the Tamils are treated as equal citizens and until such time they are given the right of participatory democracy, they would not feel safe in the island nation?

According to media reports, the main reason for fleeing to India is the rising cost of living. The economic crisis is worsening and inflation has reached alarming proportions. As an undergraduate student in Mumbai. I was taught that inflation is a situation where a man goes to the bazaar with a basket full of money and returns with a handful of commodities. With their meagre salary, the Tamils in Northern Province cannot even afford to buy milk for their children. Life-saving medicines have become scarce; the army has been asked to assist in the supply of fuel. Surgeries have been postponed in major hospitals.

According to informed sources in Lanka, nearly 2,000 people have gathered in and around Mannar and are waiting to take a boat and come to India. But to their misfortune, the annual ban on fishing

would soon commence; the Lankan Navy has stepped up its vigil in its country's waters to prevent the refugees from coming to India. However, it should be pointed out that *vallams* are permitted to go to the sea even during the ban period. The *vallams* are motorised and they also enter Lankan waters. One should not be surprised if these *vallams* are used to bring refugees to India in the coming days.

The immediate catalyst is the worsening economic situation. The government is clueless and slowly Lanka is becoming a failed state. The present bankruptcy is closely intertwined with how the nation-building experiment took place after 1956. Sinhala majoritarianism got further entrenched after the Rajapaksa brothers started controlling the levers of government. The government never cared for international human rights organisations. According to UN estimates, 40,000 innocent Tamils were decimated during the last stages of the Fourth Eelam War. A new Constitution is being drafted where all the gains of the 13th Amendment would be done away with. With no ethnic reconciliation in sight, the



Will the Government of India continue to treat the refugees from Lanka as illegal immigrants? We will be sensitive to their hopes and aspirations only if we realise that we can all become refugees

court, the "institution of marriage does not confer, cannot confer and ... should not be construed to confer any special male privilege or a license for unleashing of a brutal beast". Marital rape is a crime in many nations like Canada, Israel, France, Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Poland, notes the judgment.

Still, the verdict is troubling. A judgment needs to be realistic, contextual and sensible. What is acceptable at the macro level should be equally acceptable at the micro level. What is just in doctrinal terms needs to be just in practice as well. Breach of this principle could lead to chaos.

The case before the Karnataka HC was not one challenging the constitutional validity of the exception under Section 375 of the IPC. Nor did the court strike down the said exception. The court, on the



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island nation would drift from bad to worse. Since India and Lanka are like Siamese twins, what afflicts one would affect the other.

Mounting opposition to the government is gathering momentum cutting across ethnic and political affiliations. The present crisis provides an opportunity for the Tamils to make common cause with the Sinhalese. They should fight for an alternative government with a minimum charter of demands that should also include a solution to the national question. No government, not even the all-powerful Rajapaksa brothers, can stand against the mounting will of the people. As was stated during the French Revolution, the Voice of the People is the Voice of God and in the forthcoming election, the Rajapaksa government would be thrown into the dustbin of history. As far as India is concerned, the need of the hour is for all political parties, media groups, trade unions and students unions to come together and express our solidarity with the struggling people of Lanka.

The question should naturally be asked: Will the Government of India continue to treat the refugees from Lanka as illegal immigrants? Would the refugees be deported to Lanka? The need of the hour is for the Government of India to change its attitude toward Lankan refugees. They should also be given the same rights and privileges as the refugees who have come from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Any attempt to deport them would be a violation of the basic principle of International Humanitarian law,

namely non-refoulement, which states that no refugee could be sent back to any country against their wishes. The presence of the UNHCR in Chennai is a guarantee that deportation is ruled out.

Instead of preventing the refugees from coming here, our Coast Guard should be asked to assist those who want to come to India as refugees. We should once again welcome the unfortunate from Lanka as we did after the ethnic fratricide that took place in July 1983. The government and people of TN should take the initiative to bring pressure on the GoI and compel it not to discriminate against the Tamils of Sri Lanka. It should be highlighted that the refugees who have come to India from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh are treated as refugees who are entitled to citizenship here if they fulfil the qualifications laid down under the Indian Citizenship Amendment Act. Are the Tamils from Sri Lanka lesser human beings?

We will be sensitive to the hopes and aspirations of Lankan refugees only if we realise that we can all be refugees. A mad tyrant like Idi Amin, an economic upheaval, an environmental disaster or ethnic fratricide can make us flee and get severed from our roots. Many Lankan refugees undergo the trauma of living death. As Schloime Ansky has written: "Wanderers, wanderers we are, from land to land we wander, driven by hunger and by death, embittered by suffering and pain, over sea and hill and plain, we outcasts of the earth".

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WHY K'TAKA MARITAL RAPE VERDICT IS PROBLEMATIC

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The recent judgment of the Karnataka High Court on marital rape has ignited a national debate. In Hrishikesh Sahoo v. State of Karnataka, Justice M Nagarasanna held that "in the peculiar facts and circumstances" of the case, when the husband "rapes" a wife, he cannot claim the protection of exception enumerated under Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), since the exemption is not "absolute". The court said that "no exemption in law can be so absolute that it becomes a license for commission of crime against society". In the words of the court, "a man is a man; an act is an act; rape is a rape, be it performed by a man the 'husband' on the woman 'wife'".

Section 375 of the IPC defines the offence of rape. Exception 2 under Section 375 says that sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his own wife is not rape, provided the wife is not under 15 years of age. Thus, according to the provision, even if the husband commits rape on his wife, no offence could be made out. Marriage thus erases an offence that is otherwise punishable.

This exception clause is a colonial law that treats the wife as mere chattel. It reflects the era of men dominating or enslaving women. This provision, originally designed by Macaulay and later incorporated in 1860 in the Penal Code, cannot pass the constitutional muster. This archaic clause runs against the ideas of equality, dignity and freedom enshrined in the Constitution. It negates the very concept of gender equality and democracy within the family. It particularly attacks the independence, privacy and autonomy of married women. It is high time that this patriarchal remnant is struck down by the court.

The Karnataka verdict pleads for "the rights of women, protection of women and their equal status to that of a man without exception". The court is correct. The court is also correct in noting the recommendation of the Justice Verma Committee (2013) that called for deletion of this exception from Section 375 to restore the principles of constitutional morality into our penal laws. There can be no legal sanction for a husband to commit a heinous crime. In the words of the



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Jaishankar's response

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken made a remark on human rights abuses occurring in India after the 2+2 ministerial dialogue. So External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was right in saying that India also has concerns about human rights in the US. India is no longer going to stay quiet over such remarks from a foreign country, even if it is a superpower. History has shown how the US has always intervened in the internal affairs of every other country, just to establish its supremacy. India is an independent nation that can

safeguard the rights of its citizens. The US should look after the rights of its own countrymen first.

Manoj Kumar Jena, Cuttack

Biden, look at US record

There could be genuine reasons for US President Joe Biden to accuse Russian President Vladimir Putin of committing genocide against civilians in Ukraine (Apr 14). Meanwhile, will Biden ever think about his country's record of human rights violations over the years? What does he think of the humiliation and oppression that the Palestinians

have been subjected to by Israel for decades in the occupied territories? C G Kurikose, Kothamangalam

Precondition for talks

This is with reference to *Will Modi make peace overtures during J&K visit?* (Apr 14). The Indian leadership's extension of an olive branch to Pakistan is welcome. But it should be aware that Kashmir is always an obsession for Pakistani leaders. So our leaders should put a precondition for peace talks with Pakistan and let them know that they

should never raise the Kashmir issue in any international forum. Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Loyalists as Governors

So long as the ruling parties nominate their own loyalists as Governors, there can't be any end to Guv-CM tussles (Apr 4, Editorial) as the former would want to toe the line of those who appointed them. We have been seeing this happen since 1950 with few exceptions. The latest tussles are in Bengal and Maharashtra. K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Right move by TN govt

It appears as if the main assignment given to Governors posted to states not ruled by the BJP is to create problems. The latest is the TN Governor, who has kept 11 Bills sent to him for his approval by the government in cold storage. On the anti-NEET bill, it is unconstitutional to refuse to forward the file to the President as the Bill has been sent to him for the second time. Under the circumstances, the government rightly decided to boycott the events in Raj Bhavan to celebrate Chittihirai Thirunaal. Thardus S Fernando, Chennai

After slight dip in average in last decade, India can expect normal rainfall this year, according to weather officials

Met office predicts monsoon relief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a big relief to the country amidst high inflation, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a normal monsoon, with 99% chances of good rainfall. Even if decadal rainfall in India has shown a slight decrease, this year's dire context makes that particularly heartening news.

Releasing the forecast for Southwest Monsoon, the weather office said: "The forecast suggests that rainfall during monsoon season (June-September) in 2022 averaged over the country as a whole is likely to be normal (96-104% of Long Period Average)."

Monsoon in the country as a whole is likely to be normal to above normal, with seasonal rainfall most likely over many areas of the Northern Peninsula and Central India, along the foothills of the Himalayas and some parts of North-west



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India. Below normal rainfall is likely over several parts of North-east India, some parts of North-west and southern parts of the South Peninsula.

"There is a slight decrease in rainfall, but that's because of the negative epoch and part of decadal variability of the Indi-

an summer monsoon. There is climate change, as the number of days of heavy rainfall is increasing and that of normal rainfall decreasing," said IMD Director General M Mohapatra.

All India normal rainfall for the monsoon season now stands at 868.6 mm based on the aver-

age of 1971-2020.

"This decrease is part of natural multi-decadal epochal variability of dry and wet epochs of all India rainfall. Presently, it is in a dry epoch which started in 1971-80. Decadal average of all India South-west monsoon rainfall for 2011-20 is -3.8% from the long-term mean," added Mohapatra.

The new normal rainfall has been computed using rainfall data from 4,132 rain-gauge stations distributed over the country, from 703 districts.

South-west monsoon rainfall of India accounts for 74.9% of the annual rainfall. June, July, August and September contribute 19.1%, 32.3%, 29.4% and 19.3%, respectively, of the total South-west monsoon rainfall.

All India pre-monsoon rainfall (130.6mm) is around 11% of annual rainfall and the North-east monsoon contributes around 10% to the annual rainfall.

NEW RAINFALL NORMAL BASED ON 1971-2020 DATA

- New All-India rainfall normal based on 1971-2020 for the southwest monsoon season (June-September) is 868.6 mm. It will replace the normal of 880.6mm based on 1961-2010
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TRAVELLERS NEED NOT WORRY

US puts on hold Phase 2 and 3 trials of Covaxin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has put on hold Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials of Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin in the US.

According to a statement issued by Ocugen Inc, Bharat Biotech's partner for US and Canada for Covaxin, the biotechnology company was informed by the US FDA that the agency placed its Phase 2/3 immunobridging and broadening study for Covaxin (BBV152), OCU-002, on clinical hold.

The Central government has clarified that the suspension will not impact travel by people who have taken the vaccine.

"This is a result of the company's decision to voluntarily implement a temporary pause in dosing participants of OCU-002 while it evaluates statements made by the WHO fol-

lowing their inspection of Bharat Biotech International Limited's (BBIL) manufacturing facility," Ocugen said.

On April 2, WHO had suspended the supply of Covaxin after its inspectors identified manufacturing practice deficiencies in the company's plants. The global health body also asked countries that have received India's indigenous Covid-19 vaccine to take appropriate action.

The Hyderabad-based company said it is temporarily slowing down production of Covaxin, which is used in India's vaccination programme, across its manufacturing units for facility optimisation.

The company also said it is working on improvements and upgrades to ensure that the production of Covaxin continues to meet global regulatory requirements.



PM Narendra Modi and Congress chief Sonia Gandhi pay tribute to Babasaheb Ambedkar at Parliament House in New Delhi on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

AMBEDKAR BHAKTI ACROSS INDIA

Inspiration, says Modi

New Delhi: Hailing B R Ambedkar's contribution to the country's progress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to the architect of India's Constitution on his 131st birth anniversary. Modi said Ambedkar's ideas for the downtrodden and deprived sections are an inspiration.

Statue disfigured

Noida: A statue of B R Ambedkar was found disfigured in Uttar Pradesh's Noida on his birth anniversary. Police have launched a probe. The incident was reported by locals. A police spokesperson said a new statue was being installed to replace the disfigured one with the help of local authorities and residents.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath pays tribute to Babasaheb BR Ambedkar on his birth anniversary in Lucknow on Thursday | PTI



Babasaheb Ambedkar is respected across the country and abroad as the architect of our Constitution. Whenever there is talk of the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden across the world, people remember Ambedkar
Yogi Adityanath, CM of UP

Babasaheb gave the blueprint of nation building based on the ideas of justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, self-respect and unity and integrity of the country these are our basic strengths
Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Cong

It has always been clear that even if casteist parties, especially Congress and BJP, make an SC person MP, MLA or minister, that person can only ensure his progress but cannot do anything for the neglected community
Mayawati, BSP chief

Ambedkar didn't support Article 370: Minister

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

NEARLY three years after the abrogation of Article 370, a BJP minister says Babasaheb Ambedkar never supported special status for Jammu & Kashmir. Article 370 was scrapped by the Narendra Modi government on August 6, 2019, after a resolution was adopted by both Houses of Parliament.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar claimed: "Babasaheb Ambedkar was totally opposed to Article 370 that accorded special status to J&K. He never wanted it."

Kumar said non-BJP governments of the past did not take such a step despite knowing that Ambedkar was against it. He added that what Ambedkar wanted came true only after Modi became the prime minister.

Kumar was speaking to the media on the occasion of Ambedkar's birth anniversary under the BJP's 'Social Justice Fortnight' programme at the party headquarters. He also claimed that Ambedkar as chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee was not only opposed to Article 370, but was also in disagreement with the policies of the Jawaharlal Nehru government.

The minister accused the non-BJP governments of only using the name of Ambedkar for electoral gains instead of according him due "honour" and doing anything for the empowerment of the Scheduled Castes.

"But when BJP formed the government under the leadership of the late Atal Behari Vajpayee, the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, was posthumously conferred on Ambedkar in 1990," Kumar said. He added that the Modi government has done a lot in the honour of Ambedkar.

"Parties which always used the SC, ST and OBC populations for electoral benefits, should see how the Modi government has developed many places as Ambedkar memorials and released coins on him. Working under the principles of Ambedkar, the present government has started developing 27,000 villages where the SC and ST people have a strong presence."

Quoting figures, the minister further claimed that more than 50% of those who have benefited from the financial schemes of the present government belong to SC and ST categories. "Meritorious SC and ST students are given scholarships to study overseas. This is what has to be done to make Ambedkar's dreams come true."



No word against any community at Delhi Dharm Sansad! Cops to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THERE were no specific utterances against any particular community or section during a Dharm Sansad in the national capital on December 19, Delhi Police has told Supreme Court in response to a petition seeking direction to ensure investigation and action against those who allegedly made hate speeches during the two religious congregations in Haridwar and Delhi.

In an affidavit filed before the top court, the Delhi Police said that based on the complaints filed against the event organised by Hindu Yuva Vahini, it conducted an "in-depth inquiry

and evaluation" and found no substance in the allegations of hate speech.

"...There is no use of such words which mean or could be interpreted as 'open calls for genocide of Muslim in order to achieve ethnic cleansing or an open call for murder of an entire community' in the speech," stated the affidavit.

It submitted that "none of the words spoken during the events overtly or expressly described Indian Muslims as usurpers of territory, and as predators of land, livelihood and of Hindu women and nothing was said which could create an environment of paranoia amongst any religion".

Scribe, former judge appellants

The petition was filed by journalist Qurban Ali and former Patna High Court Judge Anjana Prakash. They sought a direction for an "independent, credible and impartial investigation" into hate speeches against Muslims. "...These are not mere hate speeches but amount to an open call for murder of an entire community. The said speeches thus, pose a grave threat

Set up consumer disputes redressal mediation cells: Court tells states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has directed all states to set up mediation cells in a suo motu case on appointment of president and members/staff of Districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and inadequate infrastructure.

"Mediation cells have not been set up in many consumer forums. Mediation is an important, if not at times a better method, of resolution of disputes and thus all states are mandated to set up the mediation cells. Similarly, a direction is given for the e-filing system to be made operational within the aforesaid time period..." the

order dated April 12 said.

Amicus Curiae in the case, Gopal Sankarayan told the court that different issues of infrastructure up-gradation have been flagged in the status report submitted in pursuance of the court order dated August 11, 2021, according to data from states and Union Territories.

The court observed that since funds have been made available and progress should have been made, the states should inform the Amicus Curiae what progress has taken place, how many of those issues have been addressed, how much funds have been spent and how much more funds are required to complete the task.

Lack of practical options

It was noted by the court that the lag was caused by lack of advertisements for suitable candidates, lack of qualified candidates in smaller states, pay being an impediment for accepting the assignment for qualified candidates. The court also noted that the nodal officer has flagged some issues arising from the funds made available by the Centre

Gehlot, Aakar denounce MP's post-riot demolition drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jaipur

ACCUSING the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh for unfairly demolishing houses of alleged rioters, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday said they don't have the right to carry out such an operation without an investigation.

"If rulers run bulldozers, where will the country's Constitution be?" said Gehlot. He also hit out at BJP MP Tejasvi Surya for trying to visit violence-hit Karauli town in Rajasthan and said, "BJP works to ignite fire". Surya had said Congress is

the "modern-day Muslim League" which commits atrocities on Hindus. Gehlot said no untoward incident happened in Rajasthan on Ram Navami.

Aakar Patel, the former head of the erstwhile Amnesty International India, has also spoken out against the house demolition drive in MP. "Over the last few days, the country has witnessed some deeply disturbing events related to unlawful action of demolishing private property of people suspected of rioting," said Patel, who is facing a Central Bureau of Investigation probe following allegations of FCRA violations.

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AS Russia and Ukraine account for nearly 40% of the global wheat supply, the ongoing war between the countries has disrupted that. This has resulted in an increase in demand for wheat from India.

Being the largest wheat-producing state in the country, Punjab has seen over one lakh tonnes of wheat being purchased by private players in just two weeks and that too above the Minimum Support Price (MSP). The state government expects it will cross the five lakh MT mark, the highest ever in the last 10 years.

As per data available with

the state's food and civil supplies department, till Thursday evening, 1,33,370 MT had been purchased by private traders. The highest has been from Sangrur (45,851 MT), the home district of CM Bhagwant Mann, followed by Ludhiana (26,836 MT), Patiala (19,388) and Faridkot (10,955 MT).

This has been bought at a rate of ₹2,050 per quintal, which is higher than the MSP of ₹2,015 on which government agencies procure wheat from farmers.

Sources said that last season, 1.17 lakh MT of wheat was purchased by private players and in 2020, this figure was 56,000 MT. The highest purchase by

UKRAINE EFFECT

Punjab wheat export-bound, feeding frenzy among pvt players



We have never seen this kind of purchase of wheat by the private players from the grain markets of the state in the procurement season —Official of Punjab food & civil supplies department

private was recorded in 2014 — 2.9 lakh MT.

A senior officer of the state food and civil supplies department said, "Generally, they procure between one to a little more than two lakh tonnes. But this time, it is the highest ever in the last 10 years. We estimate that by the end of the procurement season, private players will end up buying around 5 lakh tonnes of wheat. Earlier, when the MSP was not increased annually, private players used to procure around 6 to 7 lakh tonnes per year. When MSP was increased, this procurement was very low. But this year it is higher due to the Russia-Ukraine war."

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	41	25	Panaji	32	27
Jaipur	40	25	Patna	42	24
Ambikapur	35	19	Lucknow	41	27
Chennai	36	31	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	38	28	Imphal	32	18
Srinagar	25	07	Chandigarh	43	23

INFIGHTING EFFECT

Miffed Cong MLA offers to vacate seat for U'khand CM



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

EVEN as the BJP is yet to decide the Assembly constituency Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will contest from, disgruntled Congress MLA from Dharchula, Harish Dhami, has offered to vacate his seat.

Accusing the party of giving precedence to first-timers over loyal leaders and workers, the two-time Congress MLA said, "I am hurt. I had vacated my seat for the then chief minister Harish Rawat ji in 2014 for the development of the state. If the people of my constituency allow me, I will vacate my seat for Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami."

The CM, who led the BJP to victory in the recent state elections, lost to his Congress rival from Khatima. Six BJP MLAs have offered to vacate their seats for the CM, but the party is yet to take a final call.

In the Congress, meanwhile, factional fights have intensified after appointment of Karan Mahra as state Congress chief and Yashpal Arya as Congress Legislature Party leader in the Assembly.

Harish Dhami's main grouse is that the party brass ignored honest workers on the ground during elections and neglected merit during party revamp after the elections. He lashed out at the

Congress leadership, particularly party in-charge for Uttarakhand, Devendra Yadav, blaming them for the poll debacle. "The role of party high command, especially Yadav, has been objectionable throughout. Had the resources, which were used by him, been invested on ground level workers who gave their sweat and blood for the party, the result would have been different," said the MLA.

Dhami did not rule out the possibility of 10-odd MLAs leaving the grand old party and joining the BJP. "A party which does not know how to honor its hardworking and honest workers is worth leaving. We have been elected by the people of Uttarakhand to serve them and we will do that," he said.

If the inevitable happens, it will be a redux of 2016 when nine Congress MLAs, including some ministers, had switched over to the BJP.

"The MLAs are planning to form a separate party to bypass anti-defection law. Meetings and discussions are on between dissenting MLAs to decide the next course of action," said a source.

Newly appointed state Congress president Karan Mahra, however, warned the dissenting factions saying, "These MLAs have won on the symbol and goodwill of the Congress party. They should keep this in mind and honour the mandate of the people."

'Exit' talks as Hardik changes tone

Uncomfortable with another tall Patidar leader making moves to enter the grand old party

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

POLITICAL circles in Gujarat are abuzz with talks of Patidar leader and Congress state working president Hardik Patel leaving the party. The trigger for the intense speculation is Hardik questioning the party leadership in the last two days.

Sources said the young leader's tone didn't change all of a sudden. They claimed Hardik started showing signs of dissent after he met a senior BJP leader some time back. The sources further said he was conducting parallel discussions with both BJP and AAP.

It is suspected that Hardik is uncomfortable with the possibility of another Patidar leader Naresh Patel entering the Congress. The young leader fears his clout in the party will fade if Naresh joins the party.

Amid expectations that Naresh, a tall leader of the Leuva sect of Patidars, might join the Congress, Hardik on Wednesday expressed displeasure over the "style of functioning" of the party unit. He also questioned the party over the entry of Naresh. "Congress benefited because of us (Patel



Indranil Rajguru and Vashram Sagathiya with AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal | EXPRESS

Congress leaders from Saurashtra join AAP

Former Congress MLA Indranil Rajguru and party leader Vashram Sagathiya, who are considered to be big leaders of Saurashtra region, joined the AAP on Thursday. "The BJP has acquired power by fooling people, while the Congress has lost its ability to become an alternative," Rajguru said

community) in the 2017 polls. Now, as I am seeing on television, the party wants to induct Naresh Patel for the 2022 polls. I hope they do not search for a new Patel for the 2027 election. Why does the party not utilise the people they already have?" Patel said, asking the leadership to not "insult" him.

Questioning the party's plans, Hardik said it is high time the leadership decides and announces the date of Naresh Patel's induction into the party.

"He (Naresh) should join politics. You can't serve society by working from one corner. If he wants to serve, then he should join politics," Hardik said.

However, in a bid to clear the air, Hardik on Thursday said his intentions are good. "Truth should be spoken because I want good of the party. To date, I have tried to give my best to the party and will continue to do so. I am hungry for work, not for the post," he said.

Political analyst Dilip Patel

AIMIM planning to fight Guj polls

Ahmedabad: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi said his party is making plans for fighting in the Gujarat Assembly polls. The party is gathering information to understand its strengths and weaknesses, Owaisi said, claiming that the AIMIM will emerge strong in the state in the coming days. Owaisi said he will visit Ahmedabad and other cities in Gujarat frequently to strengthen the party and fight the next polls vigorously. AIMIM had opened account in the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation elections. ENS

1K BJP leaders in Himachal 'ready' to join AAP: Sisodia

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

SENIOR AAP leader Manish Sisodia on Thursday claimed that a large number of leaders from the ruling BJP in Himachal would join the AAP soon. His claims came a day after three BJP leaders in the state, including Scheduled Caste Morcha national executive member Harmen Dhimani, joined the AAP on Wednesday.

"Dhimani ji has joined the party along with 20 other district-level leaders. Now, 1,000 district and block leaders of the BJP are going to join the AAP as their hopes are shattered. They feel that the BJP is not going to do anything for the people of the state," the deputy chief minister of Delhi said at a press meet.

"Several big leaders of the BJP are also in touch with us. The BJP is completely scattered in the state now," Sisodia said.

Stating that the people in Himachal see the AAP as an "alternative", Sisodia said they lost hope the BJP would

do anything on education, health, employment and electricity.

Earlier, the AAP had dissolved its entire Himachal Working Committee after its top functionaries deserted the party and joined BJP. The Himalayan state is going to witness Assembly polls later this year.

In a big jolt to the AAP, party's Himachal Pradesh unit president Anup Kesari, general secretary (organisation) Satish Thakur and Una district chief Iqbal Singh had joined the BJP last week. Adding to the rising list of AAP deserters, its state women wing chief Mamata Thakur and few more leaders embraced BJP on Monday.

The AAP leadership, however, had claimed that the BJP inducting these leaders showed that the ruling party was "scared of the AAP's growing influence in the hill state". Sisodia had claimed that the party had already decided to show the door to Kesari for his "inappropriate behaviour towards women".

POWER MEET

Sent officials to Delhi for training: Mann

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AMID the political row over Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal chairing a meeting with Punjab government officials to discuss the power crisis in the state, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann claimed he himself had sent the officers there — and for a reason. He said the public would get a "good news" on April 16 and know as to why he had sent the officers to the national capital.

Mann said in Jalandhar on Thursday that senior officers of the state government had gone for training in New Delhi on his orders a few days ago.

Slamming the opposition for making "undue hue and cry" over the issue, he said that he will send his officers for their professional and expertise wherever necessary. "If need be, we will send them to Israel as well," he said.

On the opposition ire, Mann said, "The opposition, they are just 18 and won by mere few hundred votes. They should just not criticise the government for the sake of it," he said.

Stating that only less than a month has passed since the formation of the new government, Mann said every promise made to the people will be fulfilled.

Defence expert: Imran's removal orchestrated by Army Chief Bajwa

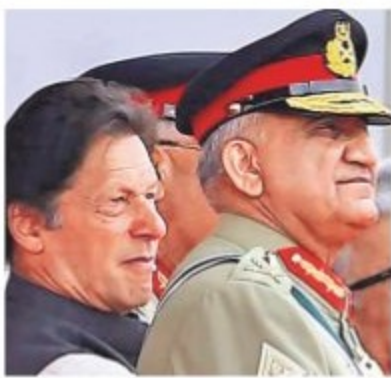
BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

"FORMER Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan was ousted by a soft coup, reportedly orchestrated by the Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa," said Lt Gen Abhay Krishna (Retd), ex-Army commander South Western, Eastern and Central Army Commands, defence & strategy expert.

Speaking about the political turbulence in Pakistan, and the installation of Shehbaz Sharif - the 70-year-old brother of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and the leader of Opposition PML-N — as the new Prime Minister succeeding Khan, who was removed by a no-trust vote on Saturday, Krishna said, "Khan was slowly trying to establish an independent foreign policy while balancing between a declining US and a rising China. After signing the US-Taliban deal, the US had reportedly tried to seek a suitable pocket in Pakistan to relocate some of their troops and equipment from Afghanistan and establish a military base on their soil, but Khan flatly refused. He was always vehemently against Musharraf's decision to join the Americans in their war on terrorism. In the last few years, he has also time and again conveyed to the Pakistani citizens that their country has suffered losses up to nearly \$200 bn and nearly 80,000 citizens lost their lives."

The former Army officer added, "Khan had also earlier denied the CIA's Special Ac-

tivities Division the right to conduct any counter terrorism operations against the regime in Afghanistan. His decision did not go down well not only with the US but also with Gen Bajwa because it meant losing billions of USDs as military aid to the Pakistan army from the US. This led to a big trust deficit between Khan and the Pak military establishment."



The straw, which finally broke the camel's back was Bajwa's term ending in Nov 2022. The internal rift between Khan and Bajwa had begun to grow also because the former was not reportedly favourably inclined to appoint Gen Sahir Shamshad Mirza, the next in line to Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and very close to Bajwa as his successor.

"Khan stated that not just seniority but merit should also be considered for appointment at the top position. This was enough hint that he may not appoint Mirza and instead opt for Gen Fez Hameed, the ex-chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) presently commanding 11 Corps and is

fourth in line," said the strategic expert.

"Bajwa and his supporters were thus left with no option but to orchestrate Khan's ouster at the earliest and get back full control," Krishna added that with the likes of BAP, PMLQ and MQM deserting Khan and joining the Opposition in the no-confidence vote motion proved beyond doubt that the military wasn't neutral through the entire process. "It is a well-established fact in Pakistani political circles, that these parties are backed by the Pakistan Army. It's also a well-known fact that these parties had supported Khan in 2018 because the military had asked them to do so," said the expert.

He added, "It is interesting to note that PPP MLA Jam Karim was allowed to return to Pakistan and vote in the no confidence vote motion. Even Ali Wazir, who was jailed by the Pak military for inciting Pashtun secessionism was released from jail so that he could vote against Khan in the motion."

The new PM Shehbaz Sharif's fixation with Kashmir issue is also an indication that PMLN, which was earlier inclined for better ties with India may have to change their earlier line to keep Bajwa pleased. India must gear up militarily to stay vigilant not only on the Western border right up to Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) but also in the maritime domain, especially in the Arabian Sea and Sir creek," he said.

Saugata speaks out on crimes against women

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AMID the furore over the alleged gangrape and murder of a minor girl in West Bengal's Hanskhali, the ruling Trinamool Congress is witnessing difference of opinion among its leaders. While MP Saugata Roy expressed concern over crimes against women in the state ruled by a woman CM, another MP said the issued can't be tied to the CM's gender.

"Everyone is worried about the crimes against women. I don't know whether it is because of media coverage or not. But everyone is expressing his or her concern over the issue. We will have to ensure zero tolerance on this issue. In a state where the chief minister is a woman, if such a single incident takes place, it will be shameful to everyone. I expect

the police administration to keep a watch," said Roy while attending a programme in his Dum Dum constituency.

DGP Manoj Malviya was sharing the stage with Roy at the event.

However, party MP Shatabdi Roy disagreed with her veteran colleague. "I do not agree with Saugatada's opinion. This can't be an issue of a female or male chief minister. Any inci-

dent of crime against women is shameful and unfortunate. Did the chief minister want it to happen? Will any government or minister want such incident to occur? Irrespective of a female or male chief minister of any state, no one will want such incidents to happen," she said.

Earlier, CM Mamata Banerjee's remark about the incident — if the victim and the accused were in a relationship — had attracted flak.



Lemon thieves on the prowl in Kanpur

The spiralling price of lemons is attracting thieves to the orchards of Kanpur. In the last four days, thieves have made way with around 15,000 lemons weighing 75 quintals from the orchards in the region. Rattled by the thefts, farmers have hired lathi-wielding guards to protect the crop. Chaudhary, Bithoor, Pariyari, Katri and Mandhana areas in Kanpur are considered a lemon belt, where the fruit is grown in around 2,000 bighas (1,240 acres) of land. Ramesh Pal, a lemon grower in Bithoor Katri, said this is for the first time they are hiring people to protect the crop round-the-clock. "We are paying '500-800 per guard a day," he said. In the retail markets in UP, lemons are being sold at a rate of '250-300 per kg.



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LUCKNOW DIARY

If not big chair, then big bungalow?

Everyone has the right to dream big. For a BJP leader, his 'big' dream came true when he got a berth in the Yogi cabinet 2.0. Having boasted about his 'big' stature in the BJP among his followers, he cut a sorry figure when appointed only a junior minister. Now, he is dreaming of a bungalow much bigger than what he is eligible for. The craze for a big bungalow is such that the minister saheb is after the estate department officials' life to allot him a big bungalow instead of what he has been given. Already hurt by his ministerial position, a bungalow smaller than his expectation is like an insult to his injury. He is said to be ready to take the matter even to the top brass in Delhi.

Penance of 'powerless' leaders

Many high-profile ministers of the previous government went jobless after March 25. While in power, they were basking in the reflecting glory of their chair, but were inaccessible to the cadre and supporters. When they had power and position, they cared too hoots about others, now they are getting nothing more than a few ignorant glances. These 'powerless' leaders are not seen in Lucknow anymore. And if at all they come to the state capital, they remain confined to their cocoons to avoid public glare and those they had ignored in their heydays.

Penance? To make way for new faces, the BJP had to drop over a dozen ministers who were part of the first Yogi Adityanath cabinet.

Kashmir border tourism to get social media boost

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

BORDER tourism is getting a boost in Jammu and Kashmir as the ceasefire between India and Pakistan has been holding good for more than a year.

One place where such a development is visible is Gurez Valley. After remaining in the shadow of guns for decades, this picturesque location, which lies close to the Line of Control, is gradually transforming itself into a tourism destination.

To increase the footfall, the Indian Army and J&K tourism department are organising an 'Explore Gurez' event by inviting social media influencers to promote the valley and put it in Kashmir's tourism map.

The five-day 'Explore Gurez' event will see eight social media influencers from across the country, including two from Kashmir, exploring the scenic beauty of Gurez, which is also known for adventure tourism, fishing, rafting, trekking, etc.



Located about 170 km from Srinagar, Gurez is close to the Line of Control | TWITTER

An army official said the event is only for social media influencers and they would explore different parts of the pristine valley through their cameras and promote it on social

media platforms to boost the tourism. "They will promote the Gurez Valley on their social accounts and this will definitely help in promotion of this picturesque valley," he said.

Besides, a week-long Jashn-e-Gurez festival to promote the tourism potential of Gurez will be held in the last week of May. Earlier, in February this year Gurez was in news after a snow cricket tournament was organised in which 10 teams participated. The pictures and videos of youth playing cricket on snow covered field in minus 10 degrees temperature.

Thrown open to visitors in 2007, the valley saw around 15,000 tourists last year. Gurez is located about 170 km from Srinagar and remains closed for six months during winter months. The army official said promotion of tourism in Gurez will not only bring peace and prosperity but also acts as a catalyst to boost socio-economic development of Gurez.

With the improvement in ground situation, the administration is planning to open border tourism and more picturesque border areas would be opened for travellers and visitors.

Lankans shun New Year holiday to protest outside president's office

Celebrities, musicians, artists and writers join stir demanding Rajapaksa's resignation

COLOMBO

SRI Lankan protesters, including some celebrities, welcomed the traditional Sinhala and Tamil New Year outside the presidential secretariat by boiling milk and distributing traditional sweets on Thursday, the sixth day of their anti-government stir demanding resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his powerful family for mishandling the country's worst economic crisis.

Protesters are occupying the entrance and surroundings of President Gotabaya's office, holding him responsible for the economic situation.

They on Wednesday rejected Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's offer for talks and demanded the resignation of President Gotabaya and all members of his family from the government.

The protesters hailed the dawning of the new year at 8.41am and then boiled milk at the auspicious time of 9.07am. The spill of milk at the auspicious time is the indication of well being in the New Year. At 10.17am, the time for the first meal in the new year, they distributed the traditional sweets



Buddhist monks boil a pot of milk during Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations amid protesters in Colombo on Thursday | AFP

Bankrupt but Lanka looks to expand airline fleet

COLOMBO: Cash-strapped Sri Lanka's loss-making national carrier announced plans on Thursday to lease up to 21 aircraft, just two days after the government announced a default on its \$51 billion foreign debt. The island nation is in the grip of its most painful economic downturn since independence in 1948, with severe shortages of essential goods and regular blackouts causing widespread misery. Despite the ongoing crisis, state-owned Sri Lankan Airlines has unveiled plans to expand its fleet from 24 to 35 in the next three years and replace some of its ageing jets. AFP

outside the president's office where they have been camping since Saturday.

Social media posts from the participants said they were un-

willing to have any talks unless the Rajapaksas quit from all positions in the government.

The protest is being carried out round-the-clock by youths

demanding a total transformation of the "corrupt political culture", which they claim has been prevailing in the island nation since it gained independence from Britain in 1948.

Several celebrities, musicians, artists and writers have joined the protests. On Thursday, veteran musician Victor Ratnayake joined the protesters at the site. Roshan Mahanama, the celebrity cricketer who was a member of the 1996 World Cup winning team, also participated in the protest.

Faced with critically low foreign reserves, the government announced on April 12 that it is suspending repayments of foreign debt, including bonds and government-to-government borrowing, pending a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund.

Sri Lanka had to meet USD 7 billion of debt payments this year. Meanwhile, international rating agency Fitch on Thursday downgraded the island's sovereign rating to 'C' from 'CCC'. Sri Lanka on April 18 has to pay a bond valued USD 1250 million. Fitch will be issuing a restricted default rating RD after the April 18 payment is not paid. PTI

Sank Russian flagship, says Ukraine; Moscow denies

ODESSA

UKRAINE on Thursday claimed to have hit Russia's flagship in the Black Sea with missiles, igniting a fire that Moscow said "seriously damaged" the warship as it accused Kyiv of helicopter strikes elsewhere over its territory.

Even as Ukraine pushed to restart civilian evacuations ahead of a feared major offensive in the east, Russia claimed its own citizens were being targeted, accusing Ukraine of injuring civilians in helicopter strikes on residential buildings in its western Bryansk region.

Kyiv forcefully denied the accusation, saying Russia was staging "terror attacks" on its own soil to spur "anti-Ukrainian hysteria".

The guided missile cruiser Moskva, previously deployed in the Syria conflict, has been leading Moscow's naval effort to pummel Ukraine's southern coasts and interior in the nearly seven-week conflict that has sparked accusations of genocide by US President Joe Biden.

Russian state media made no mention of any missile strike when quoting the defence ministry as saying ammunition detonated on the Moskva after a fire broke out and "the ship was seriously damaged". It said the crew had evacuated.

Two officials in Odessa -- a critical port for Ukraine both for commerce and defence -- confirmed that Ukrainian forces had struck the ship.

"The cause of the 'serious damage' was 'Neptune' domestic cruise missiles," said Odessa military administration spokesman Sergey Bratchuk on Telegram.

Odessa's governor published a similar dispatch. Russia's defence ministry said the fire had been extinguished and the vessel "remains afloat" with its "main missile armaments" unharmed.



Satellite image shows cruiser Moskva in port Sevastopol in Crimea | MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES/AP

UK freezes £10 bn in assets of 2 Russian oligarchs

London: The UK on Thursday announced it was freezing assets worth around £10 billion (\$13 billion, 12 billion euros) of two more Russian oligarchs, both longstanding business associates of Chelsea Football club owner Roman Abramovich. The sanctions against Eugene Tenenbaum, a director of Chelsea, and David Davidovich bring the total number of oligarchs, family members and associates sanctioned by London to 106 since Russia invaded Ukraine in February. London said the asset freeze -- the largest in UK history -- would cut key revenue sources for Russian President Vladimir Putin's "war machine". AFP

'Must diversify energy exports towards Asia'

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday called for diversification of energy exports towards Asia, while accusing European countries of destabilising the market by moving to cut out Russian deliveries. "We need to diversify exports," Putin said at a televised government meeting on the energy sector. "We need to proceed on the basis that in the foreseeable future, supplies of energy to the West will be reduced," he acknowledged, as Western countries have announced measures to ban or reduce the use of Russian oil, gas and coal due to Moscow's military operation in Ukraine. AFP



ter Iryna Vereshchuk said, after a day-long pause that Kyiv blamed on Russian shelling.

The flagship fire came hours after the United States unveiled a new \$800-million military aid package to Kyiv that includes heavy equipment specifically

tailored to an expected major ground assault in Ukraine's east, including howitzers, armoured personnel carriers and helicopters.

Moscow's Black Sea fleet, led by the Moskva, has been blockading the besieged city of Mariupol, where the Russian defence ministry said Wednesday its troops had full control of the port.

It announced more than 1,000 Ukrainian soldiers in Mariupol had surrendered, a claim yet to be confirmed by Ukraine.

Meanwhile, 30 Ukrainian prisoners of war were being returned by Russia as part of the most recent captive exchange. AFP

3 Palestinians die in W Bank, one week after Tel Aviv attack

JENIN

THREE Palestinians died on Thursday as Israeli forces launched fresh raids into the West Bank flashpoint district of Jenin, a week after a gunman from there went on a deadly shooting spree in Tel Aviv.

Israel has poured additional forces into the West Bank and is reinforcing its wall and fence barrier with the occupied territory after four deadly attacks in the Jewish state that have claimed 14 lives, in the past three weeks.

A total of 21 Palestinians have been killed in the latest wave of violence since March 22, including assailants in anti-Israeli attacks. In a clash near Jenin on Thursday morning "two youths died of injuries sustained in an Israeli attack," the Palestinian health ministry said.

Hours later, the ministry announced the death of a 45-year-old Palestinian father of six, who had been "critically wounded by Israeli bullets" the previous day in Beita, south of Nablus. Local sources named the man as Fawaz Hamayel.

The Israeli army said the clashes on Thursday, its sixth straight day of "counterterrorism activities", saw it come under attack from a crowd in Kafr Dan, a village northwest of Jenin. AFP

South Africa flood victims scramble for relief as deaths cross 300-mark

DURBAN

VICTIMS of South Africa's deadliest storm on record scrambled to get help on Thursday as the death toll from floods and landslides that struck the country's southeast surged beyond 300. At least 306 people have been killed since the heaviest rainfall in six decades swept away homes and destroyed infrastructure in the city of Durban and KwaZulu-Natal province. The government has declared a state of disaster in the region and pledged relief to those affected. President Cyril Ramaphosa, in a visit to the area on Wednesday, described the floods as a "calamity... a catastrophe of enormous proportions." Thousands of people have been made homeless, roads and bridges swept away and at least 248 schools have been damaged.

A mortuary worker at the Durban township of Phoenix said more than 100 corpses had been brought to the morgue, which has a capacity of 500 bod-

Bol starts insolvency against Future group

Future Retail defaulted in payment of ₹5,322.32 crore to a string of lenders by the due date of March 31

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE fate of the Future group -Reliance Retail ₹27,500 crore deal hangs in the balance with Bank of India, a lead consortium lender, initiating insolvency proceedings to recover dues from the beleaguered retailer.

"... Bank of India has served an advance intimation of filing an Application under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 against the Company for default on non-payment of monies due in terms of the Framework Agree-

ment entered into between the Company and Bank of India," group company Future Retail said in an announcement to the exchanges on Thursday.

"We have received a copy of the Petition and are in the process of taking legal advice," it added.

Future Retail defaulted in payment of ₹5,322.32 crore to a string of lenders by the due date of March 31, under a one time restructuring plan (OTR). Another group company Future Enterprises had failed to pay an aggregate amount of



₹2,835 crore to various banks and consortia under the OTR. Earlier in December, Future group defaulted in payment of

₹3494.56 crore to the banks, who in February this year suggested in the Supreme Court that Amazon and Reliance make an open bid for Future Group's assets with a reserve price of ₹17,000 crore, owed to the banks by Future group.

The latest development comes days before Future Group convenes meetings, April 20-22, of its stakeholders and creditors for approving the deal with Reliance, as per an NCLT direction.

Reliance has already taken control of more than 800 retail

stores of Future group, which failed to pay rent on the same to former. The leases for these stores were taken over by Reliance from cash strapped Future group's landlords who served termination notices on Future, according to sources, a claim contested by Amazon, which has sought interim relief from Delhi HC against Future alienating its assets.

Future group owes Reliance around ₹5000 crore as rent, sources said. The stores taken by Reliance contribute around 55-60% of Future's revenues.

Infy, TCS face high attrition rates; IT cos hunt for talent

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S two top IT firms - Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Infosys - have been facing high attrition rates, indicating supply side challenges, as IT firms are fighting among themselves for a limited talent pool.

The war for talent has been continuing, as Infosys' voluntary attrition rate for the last 12 months (LTM) stood at 27.7% at the end of March 31, 2022. The attrition rate was 25.5% in the December quarter, and 10.9% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021. TCS reported 17.4% attrition in the fourth quarter from 15.3% in the December quarter. TCS indicated that the attrition could become even worse.

"In Q4FY22, Indian IT players have extensively leveraged emerging digital and cloud capabilities to deliver broad-based growth and gain traction in digital services. While the industry is still not immune to the ongoing talent war with high attrition rates and pres-

sures on margins, there will be continued focus on hiring and skilling for a future ready, workforce," Vijay Sivaram, CEO, Quess IT Staffing told TNIE.

Brokerage firm Anand Rathi said attrition is still at record high but given moderation in net hiring, we expect it to turn favourable in FY23. All IT companies are now focusing on hiring freshers. While TCS has hired over 1 lakh freshers in FY22, Infosys said it hired 85,000 freshers in the last fiscal year, and it would hire over 50,000 in FY23, and could even step up during the course of the year. TCS also plans to hire over 40,000 in FY23. During Q4 earnings call, Samir Seksaria, Chief Financial Officer, TCS said, "We had

an all-time high net addition in the quarter as well as for the full year at 35,209 and 103,546 respectively, bringing the total headcount to 592,195."

Rajesh Gopinathan, CEO of TCS said, "What we are seeing is a demand-supply mismatch in our industry. Fresher hiring and productive use of freshers is a long-cycle activity." When asked about the sudden spike in demand for IT professionals, Yeshab Giri, Chief Commercial Officer - Staffing & Randstad Technologies, Randstad India said, "According to statistics, every IT professional in India has 2.5 offers at a given point in time. The availability of such offers has pushed young professionals to look for tech jobs in new-age start-ups."



There will be continued focus on hiring and skilling for future-ready talent

VUJAY SIVARAM, CEO, Quess IT Staffing



Alliance Air breaks free from Air India

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

ALLIANCE Air, an independently held government airline, will be booking and handling all other services of its airline on its own beginning Friday.

Until now, Air India, was booking tickets on their behalf. After Tata's bought Air India the three companies that came with it were Air India, Air India Express and AI SATS (ground handling and cargo). Alliance Air remained with the government. However, Air India was handling their bookings until now.

Air India had issued a notification today that said, "Alliance Air is no longer a subsidiary of Air India. Passenger holding tickets of Air India with a four-digit flight number starting with '9' or three-digit flight number starting with '91' may please be informed that these bookings belong to Alliance Air. Bookings/queries related to Alliance Air will not be handled by Air India from 15th April." "We have our own designated website for bookings from now on and passengers seeking to fly with us will have to book with us," said a spokesperson of Alliance Air.

Alliance Air operates air services to 47 destinations with a fleet of 18 ATR 72-600 (70-72 seater) aircraft. They recently inducted 19th aircraft which was an Indian made Dornier 17-seater aircraft. This aircraft made its maiden flight from Dibrugarh to Lilabari via Pasighat two days back. Alliance Air flights operates on 47 destinations in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. "The flight schedule of Alliance Air are structured in a manner which enables easy connections to and from smaller cities via the hubs of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

IGL hikes price of CNG and PNG in Delhi-NCR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) on Thursday announced a fresh hike in the price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) by ₹2.5 per kg to ₹71.61 per Kg and domestic piped natural gas (PNG) by ₹4.25 per standard cubic meter (SCM) in Delhi. Following the hike, the CNG

price in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad cost ₹74.17 per Kg, while in Gurugram, it will cost ₹79.94 per Kg. PNG will cost ₹45.86 per unit in Delhi and ₹45.96 per unit in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad. In Gurugram, it will be retailing at ₹44.06 per SCM.

This is the third time within a month, when CNG and PNG witnessed a hike. Earlier on



April 1, IGL increased the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) price by 80 paise per kg and

PNG price by ₹5.85 per cubic meter (16.5 per cent). Earlier, on March 24, the PNG price was increased by ₹1 per SCM.

However, there was no hike on the price of petrol and diesel in the past one week. Oil marketing companies have hiked ₹10 in the price of petrol and diesel over the last 16 days. Petrol in the national capital costs ₹105-mark and in Mumbai it

POWER PLAY

Tata Power raises ₹4k cr to fund growth of its renewable energy biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA POWER on Thursday said that its renewable energy arm has raised ₹4,000 crore from two foreign investment firms -BlackRock and Mubadala to fund growth of its renewable energy business in India.

BlackRock Real Assets, together with Mubadala will invest ₹4,000 crore by way of equity for a 10.53% stake in Tata Power Renewables, translating to a base equity valuation of ₹34,000 crore. The final shareholding will range from 9.76 % to 11.43 % on final conversion.

"The Tata Power Company and BlackRock Real Assets-led consortium, including Mubadala Investment Company have entered into a binding agreement to invest in Tata Power's renewable energy subsidiary, Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited," said the company in a statement.

As per the company, the newly created platform will consist of five distinct businesses delivering long-term, customer oriented solutions. It will house

all renewable energy businesses of Tata Power including those in: Utility Scale Solar; Wind & Hybrid Generation assets; Solar Cell and Module Manufacturing; Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracting; Rooftop Solar infrastructure; Solar Pumps and Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure.

"I am delighted to welcome BlackRock Real Assets & Mubadala to join us to take the renewables business to the next level of growth. The collaboration will support us to pursue exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the coming decades," said Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Power Company Limited. Anne Valentine Andrews, BlackRock's Global Head of Real Assets said India's success

in transitioning its energy economy will be crucial to the world's ability to meet its climate goals. The company said the first round of capital infusion is expected to be completed by June 2022 and the balance funds will be infused by the end of calendar year 2022.

Compliance, economic recovery behind higher tax-GDP ratio: Govt

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government has credited better compliance and economic recovery for the significant jump in tax-GDP ratio to 11.7 percent in 2021-22.

Direct tax to GDP ratio stood at 6.1 per cent and indirect tax to GDP ratio at 5.6 per cent.

According to the government, economic recovery supplemented by the vaccination drive, better compliance efforts in taxation, digital push, among others, helped in achieving this feat. The tax to GDP ratio was at 10.3 percent in FY21 and 9.9 percent in FY20.

"Several initiatives taken by the Government under its mission to push for a Digital India have laid the founda-



tion for a modern, convenient and transparent taxation system. These include faceless assessment system, the e-filing portal and rolling out of the new annual information system (AIS), also helped garner higher revenue. Meanwhile, the corporate tax returns filed by businesses have jumped by 43,000 to over 9,86,000 for AY 21-22.

This jump in corporate tax returns is the highest in recent years. The remarkable aspect of this particular jump in returns is that it has come with respect to a year marked by a pandemic-induced contraction in the economy, further underscoring the role enforced by compliance measures, the note stated.

During the year, the government could give a tax refund of

costs ₹120.

The fuel price, which changes on a daily basis, was steady for almost four months (November 4, 2021, to March 22, 2022). In November, the central government reduced excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹5 and ₹10, respectively. The oil companies have started revising the fuel price on a daily basis since March 22, 2022.

₹2.24 lakh crore which was possible due to a new e-filing portal, which was launched in June 2021.

Besides that, the faceless hand-holding of the taxpayers, provided by the new annual information system (AIS), also helped garner higher revenue. Meanwhile, the corporate tax returns filed by businesses have jumped by 43,000 to over 9,86,000 for AY 21-22.

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TEXTILE SECTOR

GOVT PICKS 61 COS UNDER PLI SCHEME

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Thursday shortlisted 61 companies under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme with an approved financial outlay of ₹10,683 crore for a period of five years, textiles ministry said.

This would generate direct jobs of 2,40,134. A total of 67 applications were received for the PLI scheme. These companies elected for PLI scheme include Shahi Exports, Trident Ltd, Paragon Apparel, Pratibha Syntex, Avgol India, HP Cotton etc.

As per Textile Minister UP Singh, in the above 61 applications, the proposed total investment expected from the applicants is Rs 19,077 crore and a projected turnover is Rs 1,84,917 crore over a period of 5 years.

"The scheme has two parts, Part 1 where mini-

mum investment is Rs 300 crore and minimum turnover required to be achieved for incentive is Rs 600 crore; and Part-2, where minimum investment is of Rs 100 crore and minimum turnover required to be achieved for incentive is Rs 200 crore," the release said.

Government approved PLI scheme for textiles products, namely MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles, for enhancing India's manufacturing capabilities and enhancing exports. In a bid to further boost the growth of the sector, centre also removed the import duty of cotton.

The notification for the scheme was issued on September 24. Operational Guidelines for PLI scheme were issued on December 28. Applications under PLI scheme for textiles were received through web portal from January to February.



TODAY'S STOCK PICK

JUBILANT FOOD

Current Price

₹2,774

Target Price

₹3,680



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The investment case for JUBI remains strong, led by multiple factors. JUBI has the best operating metrics and ROEs among the QSRs in India, resulting in visibility in funding for growth purposes. It is the only company with an established track record of healthy SSSG growth, along with significant store expansions. On the technology front, it is far better placed than other QSRs. Moreover, it continues to have a strong bargaining power v/s aggregators.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

EXPRESS READ

Govt infuses ₹5k crore in 3 PSU general insurers

New Delhi: The government has infused up to ₹5,000 crore in three public sector general insurance companies -- United Insurance, National Insurance and Oriental Insurance. A senior finance ministry official talking to TNIE said that the capital has been infused to the tune of ₹5,000 crore, adding that he was not aware of the company-wise details of the infused amount. The department of financial services of the ministry of finance in a notification issued on Wednesday said that it has increased the authorized capital of the three general insurance companies. The official quoted earlier told TNIE that the increase in authorized share capital is necessary for capital infusion. As per the notification, the government has increased the authorized share capital of National Insurance Company Ltd has been increased from ₹7,500 crore to ₹15,000 crore.

M&M increases vehicle prices by 2.5%

New Delhi: After Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra & Mahindra on Thursday said that it has increased prices of its entire model range by 2.5 percent with immediate effect. This will result in an increase of ₹10,000 to ₹63,000 on the ex-showroom prices across the range, depending upon the model and the variant.

'Tata's super app Neu to host outside brands soon'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA Neu, the super app from Tata Group, will soon offer services from firms that aren't controlled by the salt-to-steel conglomerate, N Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Sons indicated on Thursday.

Launched last week after months of trial, the app at present is offering products and services from the group-owned brands such as Big Basket, Croma, IHCL, Starbucks, Westside, Air Asia and Tata Cliq. Going ahead, other Tata

owned companies such as Vistara, Air India, Titan, Tanishq, Tata Motors, are expected to join the platform.

Chandrasekaran said that the app's loyalty program- Neu Pass- will go beyond Tata Group at some point. He added that this will be applicable for services that the super app would have in future from 'other groups'.

The pass which aims to lure more customers to download the app offers 5% cash back in the form of Neu Coins. These

coins, like Flipkart's super coins, can be used to make other purchases on the app.

Chandrasekaran also said that they are working on a number of categories, services & tech innovation including an AI (artificial intelligence) driven personal assistance to every consumer.

Tata Digital CEO Pratik Pal said Tata Neu has been downloaded over 2.2 million times since its launch on April 7 and that it had witnessed a "significant" number of transactions during this one



HARD-HIT PANDYA

Skipper Hardik leads from the front as Titans beat Royals by 37 runs, move to the top of the points table

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

PRESSURE, responsibility, and spotlight can bring out the best in some individuals and that looks to be the case with Hardik Pandya who played yet another captain's knock for Gujarat Titans against Rajasthan Royals on Thursday.

Coming into the game, the Rajasthan outfit was enjoying the view from the IPL table's summit with three wins out of four; and interestingly, all those wins came when they had batted first. Against Gujarat, after winning the toss, Sanju Samson decided to deviate from the formula that worked for them so far by choosing to bowl first. It was a significant call as Royals were looking to try and chase down a total for the first time this season. With Gujarat also on six points with three wins out of four of their own, the result of this match was going to have a huge bearing on which side kept the early momentum going and took the top spot.

The absence of Rajasthan's

speedster Trent Boult was always going to be a huge miss as he is a seasoned master at picking early wickets. But Royals bowling coped well with some early breakthroughs.

Jimmy Neesham, who replaced Boult, was given the first over only to concede 12 runs with Matthew Wade smashing him for four boundaries. However, Wade was undone by a stunning fielding effort from Rassie van der Dussen soon and Vijay Shankar's stay at the crease was short-lived as he was out for two.

The plan to bowl first looked to be working well despite Boult's absence, until Hardik Pandya walked out to bat. The skipper found himself out in the middle by the third over, and once Shubman Gill also departed, the pressure was firmly on his shoulders to anchor Gujarat's innings. And once again, Hardik rose to the occasion for Gujarat.

Hardik stayed on till the end and struck an unbeaten 87 while forging two big partnerships with Abhinav Manohar (43) and



Gujarat Titans captain Hardik Pandya smashed an unbeaten 87 off just 52 balls on Thursday | SPORTSPICS

David Miller (31 n.o) as the Titans raced away to their highest score in the IPL in their maiden season. Captaining a side who are just making their foray in the tournament is not easy but

England pacer Shrubsole announces retirement



England pacer Anya Shrubsole, a two-time Women's World Cup winner, on Thursday announced her retirement from international cricket. Known for her sharp inswingers, the 30-year-old played 8 Tests, 86 ODIs and 79 T20Is taking 227 wickets across formats. Shrubsole had famously taken six for 46 against India in the 2017 World Cup final.

newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Pujara and Rizwan make Sussex debut

DERBY: India's Cheteshwar Pujara and Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan on Thursday made their Sussex debut for the game against hosts Derbyshire in the County Championships Division 2 here. While Pujara has played FC cricket in England in the past, it is the first outing for the Pakistan player. Both were named in Sussex playing eleven. With Derbyshire opting to bat first, Pujara and Rizwan are expected to bat on the second day.

INBL 3x3 men's winner to play in Philippines

BENGALURU: The Basketball Federation of India's flagship 3x3 project, BFI-INBL 3x3 Season 1, has become a part of FIBA 3x3 World Pro Circuit with the international body according to the status of FIBA 3x3 Quest for the inaugural season. The winners in the men's category at the BFI-INBL National Finals, scheduled next month in Bengaluru, will travel to the elite FIBA 3x3 World Tour event in Cebu (Philippines) in October.

Harmanpreet hand in India's 3-0 victory

AGENCIES @ Bhubaneswar

VICE-CAPTAIN Harmanpreet Singh continued his goal-scoring spree as the Indian men's hockey team defeated an inexperienced Germany 3-0 in the first match of the two-leg tie to extend its lead in the FIH Pro League on Thursday. Harmanpreet converted two penalty corners for India in the 18th and 27th minute, while Abhishek scored from another set piece in the 45th minute. With a half a dozen of Germany's 22-member squad making their senior debut here, the vast gap between the two sides was evidently visible. With this win, India have consolidated their position at the top of the table with 24 points from 11 games. Germany are placed second with 17 points. Result: India 3-0 Germany

CWG, Asian Games trials on; Saina not happy with BAI selection policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IT'S a massive year for most athletes and it's no different for shuttlers from India. Commonwealth Games, Asian Games are some of the marquee events many dream of. While there are a few months before those events commence, the process to pick a team for those marquee events is set to begin on Friday with the Badminton Association of India (BAI) gearing up to conduct national selection trials from Friday. A team for Thomas & Uber Cup will also be ascertained during the trials. The governing body's decision to conduct the trials has not gone down well with Saina Nehwal.

Saina, a former World No 1, questioned the timing of the trials on a social media on Thursday. "Surprised to see all the

articles stating that I don't want to defend my CWG title and my Asiad medal. I'm just not participating in the trials because I just got back from 3 weeks of Europe events and according to the schedule there's Asian Championships," Saina posted on Twitter.

As per BAI selection policy, it is mandatory for Saina, who's World No 23, to take part in order to have any chance of selection. She has taken part in four tournaments this year and has had ill luck when it comes to injuries over the years. The BAI had already said that players in top 15 would be selected. "The players ranked top-15 in the world have been selected directly as announced earlier," Sanjay Mishra, general secretary of BAI was quoted saying in a release.

Full story: www.newindianexpress.com

MAN CITY, LIVERPOOL IN SF

Manchester City see off Atletico Madrid to book Champions League semifinal berth while Liverpool play out high-scoring draw with Benfica to advance.

LIVERPOOL SURVIVE LATE COLLAPSE

Liverpool already had one foot in the last four after winning 3-1 in the first leg. They were on cruise control for long spells in the second leg at Anfield, but had to hold their nerve before advancing on 6-4 aggregate. Ibrahima Konate put Liverpool ahead before Goncalo Ramos equalised late in the first half. When Roberto Firmino netted twice after the interval, the tie looked all but over. However, Roman Yaremchuk and Darwin Nunez struck for Benfica to briefly give the visitors hope of an astonishing escape act, before Liverpool finally restored order. In Liverpool: Liverpool 3-3 Benfica. Liverpool win 6-4 on aggregate.

CITY PASS ACID TEST

Atletico made it an engaging contest, especially in the second-half which also featured rough fouls. City did well to advance on the basis of their first-leg (1-0) lead. In the end, the game was marred by ugly scenes as the teams left the pitch. A scuffle had broken out between players during the final minutes as Atletico accused City of time wasting. In Madrid: Atletico Madrid 0-0 Manchester City. Man City win 1-0 on aggregate.

SEMIFINAL LINE-UP

Man City vs Real Madrid: 1st leg on April 27; 2nd leg on May 5

Liverpool vs Villarreal: 1st leg on April 28; 2nd leg on May 4

Punjab FC coach Engelkes aims to treat every game as final

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

IT is always a tough ask for any coach to take charge of a team midway through a competition. But Dutchman Ed Engelkes, who was appointed the new gaffer of RoundGlass Punjab FC last month, took his new role like duck to water after Englishman Ashley Westwood and the club mutually parted ways.

They have moved to fourth position with 20 points in the I-League table and look well on course to seal their spot for the

second phase. They have won three straight matches under the Dutchman, but he wants to focus on the matches ahead. RoundGlass will face TRAU FC on Friday and their last game in phase 1 will be against Gokulam Kerala.

"When you step on the field, as a team, you always want to improve. If you want to be in your best shape, it is important to treat the last two games (in Phase 1) as the final and play to win," said Engelkes.

Full story: www.newindianexpress.com

LOCAL EXPRESS

Bedare, Aneesh score important 50s for Karnataka

BENGALURU: Karnataka's Kishan S Bedare (77 not out) and Aneesh KV (81) scored important half-centuries as they were 312/10 in the second innings against Mumbai in the CKY Nayudu Trophy match on Day 3, Thursday in Motera. At stumps, Mumbai were 28/2 and they will need 216 runs to win on Day 4 to win the contest.

Sunil to lead State football team

BENGALURU: M Sunil Kumar will lead Karnataka in the final round of the National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy, which will be held in Kerala from April 13. The team, which is coached Bibi Thomas, trained in Mangaluru for the last 15 days and will play their first match on April 17 against Odisha.

Chathura stars with 34 points in HBF win

BENGALURU: HBR BC defeated Mlore BC 59-19 in the ongoing State sub-junior boys basketball championship here on Thursday. Chathura was the star performer with 34 points while Samved also contributed with 17. In the girls' competition, Beagles BC beat CJC 22-21 in a close encounter.

CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PVT. LTD

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd., a Non Banking Financial Company (duly registered with Reserve Bank of India) under the provision of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act, 2002") having its Registered Office 4th Floor, Kalish Building, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, Connaught Place New Delhi-110001 (hereinafter referred to as "CLIX"), and is engaged in the business of providing financial assistance to meet the needs of over millions of its customers all over India, hereby issues to you the following notice :-

Name & Address of the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantor:

1. Kaveri Education Society (Borrower) through its President, Narasimhaiah Extension, Hosur Main Road, Anekal, Bangalore-562106. Also at: V.P. Road Madivala, Bangalore-68, 2. P.K. Sunitha Kumari (President / Co-Borrower) D/o Paltak Sundar Raj, 3. Prakruthi U (Secretary / Co-Borrower) D/o Upendra, Both at: No. 45B, Plot No. 79, Artha Reviera Layout, Marsur Gate, Chand Puna, Anekal Road, Bangalore-562106. Also at: Narasimhaiah Extension, Hosur Main Road, Anekal, Bangalore-562106. Also at: No. 486, JR Green Park, Near Marsur Igloor Village, Atli Bele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106

Loan A/c Number / Date : 00070872850010001 & SBLK120000001194 / 06.11.2018 & 14.07.2020

Loan Amount Availed : Rs. 2,20,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Lakh Only) & Rs. 38,39,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Only)

Date of 13(2) Notice : 07.03.2022 **NPA Date :** July 2021 & Dec: 2021

Demand Date and Amount as Per Sec. 13(2) Act. Notice : Rs. 2,56,93,781.96 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Six Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty One and Ninety Six Paise Only) as on 07.03.2022

Mortgage Properties :

All that piece and parcel of the Property Situated at Site No. 1,2,3,4,16,17,18,19,13,22, Ward No. 5/3, M. Narasimhaiah, Badavane, Anekal Town, Purasabhe, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106 and Anekal Public School Site No. 974/1 SI No. 1035, Site No. 975/2 SI No. 1036, Site No. 976 / 3 SI No. 1037, Site No. 22 SI No. 1999, Site No. 21 SI No. 663/1999/21, Site No. 16 Kh. No. 1993, Site No. 17 Kh. No. 1994, Site No. 18 Kh. No. 1995, Site No. 19 Kh. No. 1996, Site No. 1990/13 Kh. No. 655, Site No. 1991/14 Kh. No. 656, Bathalunisa Badavane, Narasimhaiah Layout, Anekal Taluk.

Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrowers. Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

Place : Bangalore **Authorized Officer**
Date : 15.04.2022 **Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd**

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BANGALORE - KENGERI BRANCH
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 19.05.2022, for recovery of Rs. 3,29,61,648.07/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty One Thousand six Hundred Forty Eight and paise Seven only) due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.", Secured Creditor from (1) Mr. N. Sandesh Kumar S/o. Ravi Varma Raj, (2) Mrs. Padma Rekha S., residing at No.223, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, 1st N Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010 and (3) Mr. Mohan Rao B. S/o. Sri. Venkata Krishna, Residing at No.61, Jayanna House, 8th Main, 1st Cross, Hosur Main Road, Hosapalya, Bangalore-560068. The reserve price will be Rs. 2,25,63,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Five Lakhs and Sixty Three Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 22,56,300.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand and Three Hundred only).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Villa/Unit No. 180/12B also known as B2, (presently bearing E Khata No. 180/12B, SI No. 150200102701020444) with basement, ground, first, second and third floor of VAISHNAVI ANANTYA, being constructed in terms of Sanction Plan and rectified order vide LAO 91/11-12, dated 10.02.2012, situated at S. MEDAHALLI village, Handenahalli Village Panchayat, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 5240.88 sq feet of super built up area along with car parking area of 270 sq feet; bounded on East By: Villa No. 180/3A, West By: Passage 180/17C, North By: Villa No. 180/13B and South By: Villa No. 180/11B.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's Secured Creditor's website i.e www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com of the service provider, M/s. 4 closure.

Statutory 30 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 11.04.2022 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

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OFFICE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR, SPMU, ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA
GROUND WATER DEPARTMENT, JAIPUR
72-B, JHALANA INSTITUTIONAL AREA, JHALANA DOONGRI, JAIPUR
Email ID:- PD.ATL@RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN CONTACT: 0141-2703799
No. F.2(2)/PD/SPMU/GWP/JPR/2022-23/22 Dated: 05.04.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID 01/2022-23

Bids for selection of District Implementation Partner to support in Implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana in Cluster No. 13 is invited from interested bidders up to 27.04.2022 at 11.00 AM. Other particular of bids may be visited on procurement portals (www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>) and <http://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in>

UBN: GMD22235LB00002 **Sd/- PROJECT DIRECTOR**
DIPRC/4823/2022 **SPMU, ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA**

IndusInd Bank **INDUSIND BANK LTD.**
1-10-72, 3rd floor, Ashoka Janardhana Chambers, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016, Ph: (040) 40916229

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

Take notice that IndusInd Bank Limited, has issued a notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("the Act"). The notice was duly sent to the addressee by Regd. Post with acknowledgement due which returned undelivered by post office. The contents of which are being published herewith as per the Section 13(2) of the Act read with Section 13(8) & 13(13) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and as by way of alternate service upon you. Details of the Borrowers, Guarantors, Secured, Outstanding Dues, Demand Notice Sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there on are given as under:

Name and Address of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1) M/s. Alfa Coats Private Ltd., Rep. by its Directors, No. 532, Srigandhadakavulu, Kotiga Palya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560091 (2) Mr. T.G. Srinivas, S/o Mr. Govindraj, #57, 4th Main, Ganganagar Extension, Bangalore-560032 (3) Ms. Sanjana T.S. D/o. Mr. T.G. Srinivas, #57, 4th Main, Ganganagar Extension, Bangalore-560032. No.2 Also at: Mr. T.G. Srinivas, S/o Mr. Govindraj, Flat No. 2, Municipal No. 142/1, Nirvana Apartments, ITI Layout, Karthiappa, Banashankar, 3rd stage, Bangalore-560050, calling upon them to repay the banks dues of Rs.97,31,854.34 (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four and Paise Thirty Four Only) along with further interest as per sanctioned terms due from 20-03-2022 and other costs, charges, expenses incurred within 60 days of the date of notice. The bank dues are secured by the following assets:

SI.No.	Nature of Facility with Loan account No.	Amount (Rs. In lacs)
1.	Cash Credit, Loan Ac No.650014063003	75.00
	Total	75.00

Details of Secured Assets (HYPOTHECATED PROPERTIES)

Hypothecation by way of exclusive first charge on the entire current assets of the borrower comprising inter alia of stocks of raw material, work in progress, finished goods, receivables, bank debts and other current assets of the defendant No.1

Schedule Property : Property of Mr. T.G. Srinivas, S/o. T.V. Govindraj (Sale Deed No. 1704/2005-06, dated 30-06-2005) Schedule -A: All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing No. 142, ITI Layout, Kathriguppa, Banashankar III Stage, Bangalore-560085, with residential apartment thereon called as "Nirvana Apartments" consisting of Basement + Ground Floor + Two upper floor and part of Third Floor and Bounded as follows : East by: Site 141, West by: Society Land, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 143, Measuring East to West 45 ft and North to South 77 ft measuring in total area 3465.00 sq.ft.

Schedule -B : a) Flat No. 2 in the Ground Floor, in Apartment measuring 963 sq.ft or super built up area in the land mortgaged fully described in the schedule 'A' stated in Supra, consisting of two bed-room, Hall, Kitchen, Toilets, Pooja Room, the flooring is Mosaic. Doors are made in Mathi, Aluminum Windows. With all electric and water facilities. (b) Undivided interest of the land measuring 433.125 sq.ft with undivided right and title thereon. (c) Amenities : Car Parking area marked as 1 with exclusive right of ownership. The Properties is bounded as follows : East by: Site 141, West by: Society Land, North by: Flat No. 2, South by: Site No. 143.

Statement as on 20.03.2022

Particulars of Loan	Principal outstanding	Add : Interest Outstanding	Amount (Rupees)
Cash Credit	Rs. 74,99,913.50	Rs.22,31,940.84	Rs.97,31,854.34
	Total outstanding	Rs.97,31,854.34	Rs.97,31,854.34

Aggregate Outstanding amount as on 20.03.2022 Rs.97,31,854.34 (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four and Paise Thirty Four Only) together with further interest at documented rate from 21.03.2022 to the date of payment and other costs.

Date : 21.03.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place : Hyderabad **IndusInd Bank Ltd.**

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Asset Recovery Management Branch, Ph: 086-22955928 (Gen)/22955929 (CM)
1st Floor, FKCCI Building, E-Mail: blr.amr@kblbank.com
Kempegowda Road, Website: www.karnatakabank.com
Bangalore-560009. CIN: L85110KA192P4LCO01128

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E - Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor on 03.02.2022, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 18.05.2022, for recovery of Rs.1,60,34,521.33 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One and Paise Thirty Three Only) i.e Rs.1,19,04,685.22 under Term Loan A/c No.9597001600003601 along with future interest from 04.01.2022 and Rs.41,29,836.11 under Term Loan A/c No. 9597001600005501 along with future interest from 12.01.2022, plus costs due to the Karnataka Bank Ltd - Bengaluru - Sir M Vishweshwariah Layout Branch, the Secured creditor from - (1) Mr. Kalyan Kumar R Karanam, S/o Mr. Krishna Murthy (2) Mrs. Lavanya N. W/o Mr. Kalyan Kumar R Karanam, Both are addressed at: No.176, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, BHCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Badamanavarthekaval, Bengaluru-560061, Both also at: Residential Villa Unit No.007, Vedanta Block, Axis Tatvam, Sy.No.184, Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk-560082, being the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor. Reserve Price/Price below which the property may not be sold: Rs.1,21,20,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Date & time of Auction
All that part and parcel of Unit No.07 (Type-03 BHK) facing West in the Vedanta Block of the residential project known as "Axis Tatvam", having super built up area of 2200 Sq.ft, including proportionate share of common area with the floors, ceiling and walls between Villa jointly, along with 94.23% (on SBA) i.e 2073 Sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in the land, and 2 covered car parking space bearing No.V-07, in the basement floor, constructed on residentially converted land bearing Sy.No. 184, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, belonging to Mr. Kalyan Kumar R Karanam. Boundaries of consolidated property as per Deed: East: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 184 measuring 18 guntas and road, West: Land of Sr. Santhosh, North: Land bearing Sy.No. 182, South: Halls	Rs. 1,21,20,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs. 12,12,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twelve Thousand Only)	18.05.2022 from 11.00 A.M to 11.20 A.M

(The borrower/s/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. <https://karnatakabank.com> under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://bankauctions.in/> on 18.05.2022 from 11.00 A.M to 11.20 A.M with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://bankauctions.in/> and get the user ID and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on 17.05.2022) from M/s 4 Closure, Mr. S. Bhaskar Naidu (Assistant Manager), C/o Vedam Jagannadham, # 65/66, D. Kamakshamma Layout, Yelahanka Old Town, Bengaluru-560064, Mobile No: 9515160061, E-mail: bhaskar@bankauctions.in

Date 13.04.2022 **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,**

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, MANIPUR
SHOPPING TENDER NOTICE
Dated, the 4th April 2022

No. EE/WRD/NHP/1-1/2022-23 Sealed item rate tender in form RFQ is invited by the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Water Resources Department, Manipur, under National Hydrology Project for and on behalf of Governor of Manipur from the registered contractors / firms of Water Resources Department for the execution of the following works under the activity head "Construction of Piezometers for installation of DWLR" through e-Procurement method under NCB :

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Estimated cost put to tender (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Non Refundable)	Time allowed
1	Construction of Piezometer for Installation of DWLR	32,78,170.00/- (Rupees Thirty two lakhs seventy eight thousand one hundred and seventy only i/c all necessary taxes	Free	3 (Three Months)

The tender documents including detail specifications along with the set of construction drawings can be obtained and shall be submitted online on <https://manipurenders.gov.in> starting from 12th April, 2022, 10.00 hours till on or before 14.00 hours of 6th May 2022. Any quotation or modifications to quotation received outside e-procurement system will not be considered. The electronic bidding system would not allow late submission of quotations. The quotations will be opened online on 6th May 2022 at 15:00 hours. The electronic summary of quotation opening will be generated and uploaded online. The tender document can be also available on <http://nhp.mowr.gov.in/>

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
IID, Water Resources Department
Government of Manipur

Endt. No. WRD/NHP/1-1/2022-23/ **State Project Management Unit (SPMU), NHP, Manipur**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
ARN Branch- II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 25310099, 080-25310181, E-Mail : cb6298@canarabank.com

CORRIGENDUM

Please Refer the E-Auction Sale Notice published in this Newspaper on 14.04.2022 pertaining to the Borrowers : SI No.1, Borrower Name : Sri Chandrashekar C. in the Notice, Property Reserve Price and EMD Amount mentioned wrongly as No.1. Reserve Price: Rs.18,30,000/-, EMD: 1,83,000/- and it should be read as SI. No.1, Reserve Price Rs.1,83,00,000/-, EMD: 18,30,000/- All other contents remains unchanged.

Date : 14.04.2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Radha W/o P S Gopal, Residing at: No.219, survey no 17, 2nd Stage Manthri Nagar Near Arganahalli, Somneshahalli, Bangalore - 560 056, I have lost my Original Registered sale deed executed on dated-06.08.2003 doc-No. 11391 /2003-04 for property bearing Khatha No.114, Property No.219 Measuring East to West 20 feet North to South 30 feet Situated at Somneshahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, West of sholing house.

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

DEEPA A.M. Advocate
KAN/474/2012
No.6, Bhumiha, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore - 560 040, Bangalore, Dated: 14.04.2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client intends to enter into a sale transaction with **Mr. ANOOP GARG, S/o Mr. B. D. Garg**, in respect of properties morefully described in the schedule hereunder. Any person having any objection or claiming any right title or interest in the said properties are required to lodge the same with the undersigned along with documentary evidence within 15 days from this date, failing which my client shall proceed with the sale transaction free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential site bearing No. D-4/A and D-4/D, located at Yelahanka Town, Anantapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, with the extents of 3925 sq. ft. and 1075 sq. ft. (totally 5000 sq. ft.) presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) together will all appurtenances. Site bearing No. D-4/A (measuring 3925 sq.ft) is bounded on the - East by : Remaining Portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/D) measuring on that side 50 ft. West by : Dillenia Street & measuring on that side 50 ft. North by : Private Property & measuring on that side 78.5 ft South by : Remaining portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/B) measuring on that side 78.5 ft. Site No. D-4/D (measuring 1075 sq.ft) is bounded on the - **East by : Private Property & measuring on that side 50 ft. West by : Remaining Portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/A) measuring on that side 50 ft. North by : Private Property & measuring on that side 21.5 ft. South by : Remaining portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/C) measuring on that side 21.5 ft.**

S.RAGHAVENDRA, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, SFHS Area,
Opposite BESCOM, Behind Bangalore-One,
Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560 096
Email:sra.adv@gmail.com Mobile No.: 9449119323

Date:15.04.2022
Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client intends to enter into a sale transaction with **Mrs. KALPANA GARG, W/o Mr. Anoop Garg**, in respect of properties morefully described in the schedule hereunder. Any person having any objection or claiming any right title or interest in the said properties are required to lodge the same with the undersigned along with documentary evidence within 15 days from this date, failing which my client shall proceed with the sale transaction free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential site bearing No. D-4/B and D-4/C, located at Yelahanka Town, Anantapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, with the extents of 3925 sq. ft. and 1075 sq. ft. (totally 5000 sq. ft.) presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) together will all appurtenances. Site bearing No. D-4/B (measuring 3925 sq.ft) is bounded on the - East by : Remaining Portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/C) measuring on that side 50 ft. West by : Dillenia Street & measuring on that side 50 ft. North by : Remaining portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/A) measuring on that side 78.5 ft. South by : Private Property & measuring on that side 78.5 ft. Site No. D-4/C (measuring 1075 sq.ft) is bounded on the - **East by : Private Property & measuring on that side 50 ft. West by : Remaining Portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/B) measuring on that side 50 ft. North by : Remaining portion of Plot No. D-4 (known as D-4/D) measuring on that side 21.5 ft. South by : Private Property & measuring on that side 21.5 ft.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that to the general public that my client **SYED MUSTAFA AHMED, S/o Mr. Syed Mustafa Ali** and **MAULANA ASYED JAFAR, S/o Mr. Syed Mustafa Ali** are residence of No-25, Robertson Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore 560005, my clients intending to purchase the schedule property from **Mrs. JAYASURIYA DEVELOPERS** being its partner **Sri M GOPALA REDDY** alias Gopi and **L.S. NARAYANA REDDY** alias Bhargava, if any person's having any kind of right claims interest, over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to lodge such claims or objections with undersigned in writing with the supporting documents within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this publication. If no such objections or claims are received within the said period i.e., 15 days, my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property & in the event if claims and objection arise after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing **Survey No. 27/28** situated at **AGRAHARA Village, Vidyahesha Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore**. Measuring 21952 square feet, out of total 2 acre of land bounded on the East by : Remaining portion of Sy No. 27, West by : Land belonging to Sri Arinagappa, North by : Land belonging to Sri Chinnappa, South by : Remaining Portion of same Sy No. 27. Containing Comprising of multistory building with 18 flats of 1 BHK & 2 Flats of 2BHK, including Vacant Land in 21952 Sq.Ft.

NAUSHAD ALI KHAN, Advocate's Associates
Chamber # 45, 3rd Main 4th B Cross,
M.M Layout, Kalyanabasandra, B.T Nagar Post,
Bangalore - 560 032.
Cell No. 866791573 98450 20558

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the portion of schedule property hereunder. If any person claiming any right/title/interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, settlement, partition, exchange, mortgage, charge, ten, lease, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise whatsoever are hereby required to raise their written objections with supporting documents within 7 days from the date this publication, failing which without reference to such claim and the same, my client will proceed to transact the same assuming there is no objection.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel residentially converted and approved plots totally measuring 2,45,500 Square feet carved out of the below mentioned survey numbers: Survey No.9/1, measuring 1Acre 15 Guntas (converted vide official memorandum no ALN.SR.4672011-12 dated 30-03-2012) Survey No.9/2, measuring 1Acre 15 Guntas (converted vide official memorandum no ALN.SR.4622011-12 dated 07-03-2012) bearing Survey No.9/3, measuring 1Acre 15 Guntas (converted vide official memorandum no ALN.SR.1012012-13 dated 09-11-2012) Survey No.9/4, measuring 1Acre 15 Guntas (converted vide official memorandum no ALN.SR.4662011-12 dated 30-03-2012) Survey No.9/5, measuring 2Acre (converted vide official memorandum no ALN.SR.3032013-14 dated 17-02-2014 bearing Survey No.9/6, measuring 1Acre 12 Guntas converted vide conversion official memorandum no ALN.SR.4502011-12 dated 19-03-2012 Survey No.9/7, measuring 1Acre 15 Guntas converted vide conversion official memorandum no ALN.SR.4692011-12 dated 30-03-2012 at the above and situated at Sambanagaddakavali Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District. **ADVOCATES:**
JANA GOVARTHANA MAHESWARAN,
No 125, 6th cross, Royal Lake front residency, Phase 3 south, J.P Nagar 9th phase, Bangalore-560108, 98456 49879 / 95660 52896

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I

No.4, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING,
RESIDENCY ROAD AT BANGALORE
O.A.No.1232/2020

BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK, Jalalshahi Branch,
Bangalore
...**APPLICANT**
AND:
K. MYLADRI REDDY AND OTHERS
...**DEFENDANTS**

01. Sri. K. MYLADRI REDDY, S/o. Lakshmi Reddy, K., Aged about 44 years.
02. Sri K.M. CHANDRASHEKAR REDDY, S/o. Sri. Myladi Reddy, Aged about 44 years. Both are Residing at: No.37, Roopa Building, Near Metro Quarters, Maruthi Extension, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560058.
Also at: No. A/5, 9th Main, 4th Cross, Behind Hoyalpa Public School, Sunkadakatte, Srinivas Nagar, Bengaluru-560091.

Also at: RR Engineering Works, No.342, II Main, 4th Cross, Rajagopal Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560058.
03. Sri D.S. SHANTHA KUMAR, S/o. Sri Dase Gowda, Aged about 35 years, Residing at No.13, Near Anjaneya Swamy Temple Street, Anur, Bengaluru-562623.

PAN: BTAPS1791L ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of Rs.26,70,531.40 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty One and Paise Forty Only) towards Over Draft loan facility together with the agreed rate of interest compounded monthly with costs and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this Publication or on 21.7.22 at 10.30 a.m. in the forenoon in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Failing that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on the 11th day of April, 2022.

By the order of the Tribunal
sd/-REGISTRAR,
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT-I)
Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st & 2nd Floor, No. 4,
Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560 025
O.A.No.141/ 2021

BETWEEN: KARNATAKA BANK LTD:
Basaveshwarannagar Branch,
BENGALURU
...**APPLICANT**

And:
MR. CHANDRASHEKAR SHETTY, S/o. Mr. Vitali Shetty, and Others, ...DEFENDANTS

Summons under Rule 23(VIII) of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 by way of Paper Publication

1. Mr. Chandrashekar Shetty, S/o. Mr. Vitali Shetty, No.86, 4th Cross, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru - 560072. ...Defendant No.1

2. Mr. Nischith Shetty B.H., S/o. Mr. Hiriyanna Shetty B., No.17/1, Sri Devi Nilaya, Near New Age Public School, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560037. ...Defendant No.2

3. Mr. Hiriyanna Shetty B., S/o. Mr. Venkataswamy Shetty, No.17/1, Sri Devi Nilaya, Near New Age Public School, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560037. ...Defendant No.3

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application u/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you both for recovery of sum of Rs.9,79,66,045.81/- (Rupees Nine Crore Seventy Nine Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand and Forty Five and Paise Eighty One Only), together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before the tribunal at 10.30 a.m. or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of tribunal on 08/07/2022, answer the claim.

2. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal. 3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement. 4. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed. 5. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on the 6th April 2022.

BY ORDER OF TRIBUNAL
sd/- REGISTRAR

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AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 6(1)
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd., under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgages / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers / Mortgages / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount. Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgages and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgages / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the Axis Bank Ltd., for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : DM Ranganath Prasad, #75, Srinivasam, 3rd Main Road, Near Cricket Ground, Gridharma Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098 Also At: DM Ranganath Prasad, HCL Technologies Ltd., Surya Sapphire, Plot No. 3, 1st Phase, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560100 (Applicant/Mortgager) Mrs. Rao Rajani Guntunur Ramachandra W/o DM Ranganath Prasad #75, Srinivasam, 3rd Main Road, Near Cricket Ground, Gridharma Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098 Also At: Mrs. Rao Rajani Guntunur Ramachandra W/o DM Ranganath Prasad #40, Varshini 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Moodalappaly, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore - 560072 (Co-Applicant/Mortgager)
Loan A/c No. : PHR000901579585, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.2,030,018.00/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Only) being the amount due as on 09.12.2021 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 10.12.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 12.04.2022
Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.31 measuring 40 x 50' (2000Sft) in Sy.No.366/3 of 'JR HABITAT' situated at Madivala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. Urban Dist, having V/P Katha No.15020101800420862/5599/31, dated 9/1/2012 converted for Nonagricultural residential Purpose as per Official Memorandum No.ALN (A&K) SR 1772011-12, dated: 9/1/2012 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and Layout duly approved by the ANEKAL PLANNING AUTHORITY as per order bearing No.APALAO/35/2013-14 DATED 11.04.2014, with release order dated 26.08.2015 currently under the limits of Marasuru Village Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, Measuring: East to West : 50 Feet (15.24 Mtrs) North to South : 40 Feet (12.19 Mtrs) Total measuring 2000 Sq.Ft. (185.78Sq.Mtrs) Bounded on the: East by : Site No.40, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No.32.

For any clarification please contact Thirumoorthy S - 9036773553.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : Mr. Narasimhan N (Borrower) No 1111 & 1138 D No.205, Next To Kenchappa Building, Iggaral Anekal Post, Chandapur, Bangalore - 560081 Also At: Fusion India Project Management Pvt Ltd., Project Manager No.43/39, 2nd Cross, Promenade Road, Bangalore - 560005 Mrs. N Jayakrishnan (Co-Borrower) No 1111 & 1138 D No.205 Next To Kenchappa Building, Iggaral Anekal Post, Chandapur, Bangalore - 560081.

Loan A/c No. : PHR000900788279, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.5,83,828.00/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Only) being the amount due as on 19.07.2021 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 23.07.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 12.04.2022
Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable converted lands i) measuring an extent of 1 Acre 17.5 Guntas in Survey No. 84, ii) measuring an extent of 3 Acres 15 Guntas in Survey No. 85, iii) measuring an extent of 2 Acres 15 Guntas in Survey No. 86, iv) measuring an extent of 3 Acres 15 Guntas in Survey No. 87 in all measuring to an old extent of 10 Acres 21 Guntas all situated at Doddahagade village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bounded On: East by : Land bearing Sy No. 53, West by : Land bearing Sy No. 88 & Road leading to Yallamanapalya Village, North by : Land bearing Sy No. 95 & Remaining Portion of Sy No. 86 & 87 South by : Remaining Portion of Sy No. 84 & 85.

Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being BMRDA approved in Site bearing in No. 134 site measuring East to West 50 ft. North to South 30 ft in totally measuring 1500 Sq Ft. carved out of Schedule A Property Approved by the Anekal Planning Authority vide order No. APALAO/79/07-08, dated 06-12-2007, renewed on 12.10.12 and having vide Khata No. 1554, situated at Survey no.85, Doddahagade village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Site No. 112; North by : Site No. 135; South by : Site No. 133;

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : Mr. Syed Nafis Ahmad S/o Syed Nayaz Ahmad, Flat No.401, Zubair Ansari Tayloring Shop Building, Khalidya, Adnoc Petrol Bunk, Po Box-48580, Abudhabi, UAE Also At: Mr. Syed Nafis Ahmad, No.645, 1st Floor, 29th Main, 13th Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560041 Also At: Mr. Syed Nafis Ahmad Assistant Manager, Al Futthi Arab Orient Insurance Co., Po Box -37035, Mussaiah, Abudhabi, UAE (Applicant/Mortgager) Mr. Syed Faiz Ahmad S/o Syed Nayaz Ahmad, No.645, 1st Floor, 29th Main, 13th Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560041 (Co-Applicant/Mortgager)

Loan A/c No. : PHR000900899743, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.768,364.00/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Four Only) being the amount due as on 08.06.2021 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 08.06.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 12.04.2022
Description Of Mortgaged Property: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of residential converted property in Sy. No.3/2 measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas, Sy. No.3/3 measuring 1 Acre 08 Guntas, Sy. No.3/4 measuring 3 Acre 12 Guntas totally measuring 6 Acres 06 Guntas situated at Kotaganehalli Village, Sarajapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore which includes the area relinquished towards Roads, parks and Civic amenities and is situated at Kotaganehalli, Village, Sarajapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore and converted for residential purpose vide Order No. ALN (A) (S/H) SR 1912010-11 and bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property and Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property.

Description Of Mortgaged Property: Schedule-B: All that piece and parcel of the plot bearing No.46 allotted in CONFIDENT INDUS measuring 1453 sft/135.04 Sq.mt formed out of the property mentioned in the Schedule-A, and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Plot No.59, North by : Plot No.47, South by : Plot No.45.

For any clarification please contact Ekantharaju 918152053027

4. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : Mr. Anupchandra Changmal, Wild Apartment Block 1, F3- No 8/1, Nirguna Mandir Extension, Koramangala, 1st Block, LM Wipro Park, Bangalore Karnataka 560047 Also At: Mr. Anupchandra Changmal, Working as Quality Control, Nuanco Transcription Services India Pvt Ltd Mylar Chambers No 7 6 Bul Temple Road Basavanagudi Bangalore-560004. Mr. Anupchandra Changmal, No B-203, Trinity Sunrise Apartment, Sarjapura Road, Sompura Gate, Bengaluru-562125 Also At: Mr. Anupchandra Changmal, Dr. S K Bhuyan Road, House no 31, Dighalipukhuri East Pincode 781001. Mrs. Rupshikha Gottain W/o Anupchandra Changmal, Wild Apartment Block 1, F3- No 8/1, Nirguna Mandir Extension, Koramangala, 1st Block, LM Wipro Park, Bangalore Karnataka 560047. Mrs. Rupshikha Gottain, No B-203, Trinity Sunrise Apartment, Sarjapura Road, Sompura Gate, Bengaluru-562125

Loan A/c No. : HTR00090226731 & PHR000901054614, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 17,47,254.00/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Only) being the amount due as on 22.04.2021 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 22.04.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 12.04.2022
Description Of Mortgaged Property: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being the converted land measuring 1Acre 05 Guntas situated in Survey No. 37/1 C of Sompapura village, Sarajapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Conversion Order no. ALNSR. No 193/1995/96 dated 23.01.1996and bounded as follows East By: Property Belonging to Mr Chowda Reddy, West By: Property Belonging to Mr. Krishna reddy, North By: Property Belonging to Survey No 37/1B, South By: Road. Together with all easement rights, right of access Etc.

Schedule A1 Hereinbefore referred : All that piece and parcel of immovable property converted land measuring 2 acres 9 1/2 Guntas extent where the building comprising of 8 blocks of residential Apartments are constructed known as "Trinity Sunrise" and such portion of the schedule 'A' property.

SCHEDULE : B All that piece and parcel of the 3 Bed T Room residential unit being Flat bearing No B-203, on the second Floor, B Block in the apartment Known as: TRINITY SUNRISE" having a Super built area of 1025Sq.ft Constructed on Schedule "A" property as per the sanction plan with 0.43% undivided right, title, and interest comprised in the Schedule "A" property equivalent to 483.75 Sq.ft along with once covered car parking space in the basement of the apartment and bounded as follows: East by: Common Area, West by: Flat No B 201 & common Area, North By: Common area, South By: Flat No 204.

For any clarification please contact Thirumoorthy-9036773553

5. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : Mr. Krishna C Sio Chikkadasaiah #239/1, Sanjeevaiah Building SLNRD Kuntareddy, Jigani, Bangalore-560105 Also At, Mr. Krishna C Vaddaraddodi, Dalavai Koinhalli, Malavalli, Mandya-571421 Also At, Mr. Krishna C Consultants, #239/1, Sanjeevaiah Building, SLNRD Kuntareddy, Jigani, Bangalore-560105 (Applicant/Mortgager) Mrs. Asha Ramanna (Co-Applicant/Mortgager) D/o Ramanna Channiah #239/1, Sanjeevaiah Building, SLNRD Kuntareddy, Jigani, Bangalore-560105. Also At, Mrs. Asha Ramanna #344, 4th Cross, Raghavendra Nagar, Kaveri Main Road, Siddarath Nagar, Mysore-570011

Loan A/c No. : PHR168603660424, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.15,99,669.00/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine Only) being the amount due as on 11.10.2021 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 12.10.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 12.04.2022

Composit Property: Description Of The Mortgaged Property Standing In The Name Of Mr. Krishna C: All that the piece and parcel of the undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy. Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14/2, 14/3, 15, 16, 24/1, 24/3, 25/1, 25/2, 26/1, 26/2, 27/1, 27/2, 27/3, 28/2, 28/3, 29, 30, 31, 33/1, 33/2, 34, 35, 37/38/1, 38/2, 39, 40/1, 40/2, 40/3, 40/4, 42 all situated at Giddanahalli, Village, Jigani, Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Sy. No. 24, 25, 26 all situated at Mahanthalingapura Village, Jigani, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 121 Acres 23.08 Guntas and bounded as under East by : Property in Sy. No. 8, 13/2, Bingapura Village boundary, Sy. No. 17 & 18, West by : Mahanthalingapura Village boundary, Property in Sy. No. 28/1, 44, 27, 24, 41 and Road, North by : Property in Sy. No. 27, 28, Road, portion of lands in Sy. No. 24, 23, 41, 43, 36, 35 and 8, South by : Government land, Property in Sy. Nos. 28/1, 18, 21/3, 23, 22 and Road.

Schedule "A" All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land property bearing Sy. No.34 measuring totally an extent of 2 Acres 38 Guntas including 3 Guntas "A" Kharab situated at Giddanahalli village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, converted for nonagricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN(AJ)SR25/2007-08, dated 15.04.2008 and bounded on: East by: Land bearing Sy. Nos.12 and 14, West by: Land bearing Sy. No.33, North by: Land bearing Sy. No.35, South by: Remaining portion of Sy. No.34.

Schedule "B" All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential Site No. 722, Kallubalu Grama Panchayath Katha No.404/722 and Property ID No.15020010400721050 formed in Sy. No.34, in the Composite Property situated at Giddanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East 30 feet, West 30 feet North: 50 feet and South: 50feet, totally measuring 139.35 sq.mtrs (1500 Sq.ft) in "MAHAVEER PALATIUM", formed as per the layout plan sanctioned by the Anekal Planning Authority (APA) vide No. LAO/015-13-14 dated 29.04.2014, which is bounded on: East by : Plot No. 688. West by : Road, North by : Plot No.723, South by : Plot No.721.

For any clarification please contact Thirumoorthy-9036773553

6. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Manish Srivastav, (Borrower) Son of Mr. Surendra Lal, R/o NB 2-12, Vijaya Enclave, B G Road, Bleikahalli, Bangalore- 560076. Also At: NB 2-13, Vijaya Enclave Apts, Bannerghatta Road, Bleikahalli, Bangalore- 560076. Also At: Mr. Manish Srivastav, IP Lead, Intel Technology India Pvt Ltd, 4th floor, A/B wing, Site 6/2, 6/3, ITPL Main Road, BEML Layout, Brookefield, Thooabaralli Village, Bangalore - 560 037. (Applicant/Mortgager) 2) Mrs. Singh Nupur (Co-Borrower), Wife of Mr. Manish Srivastav, R/o NB 2-12, Vijaya Enclave, B G Road, Bleikahalli, Bangalore- 560076. Also At: NB 2-13, Vijaya Enclave Apts, Bannerghatta Road, Bleikahalli, Bangalore- 560076.

Loan A/c No. : PHR000901387550, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.85,569.21/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine Paise Twenty One Only) being the amount due as on 16.07.2021 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 17.07.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 12.04.2022

Details Of Mortgaged Property: All that piece and Parcel of property bearing Site No. 444, Katha No. 1161/444, carved out of Old Sy. No. 81/1, New Sy. No. 81/4, measuring East to West 9.14 meters and North to South 12.19 meters in the residential Layout known as "Sai Metro City" and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site bearing No. 443. South by : Site bearing No. 445.

For any clarification please contact Thirumoorthy-9036773553

Date : 12.04.2022
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mytree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to